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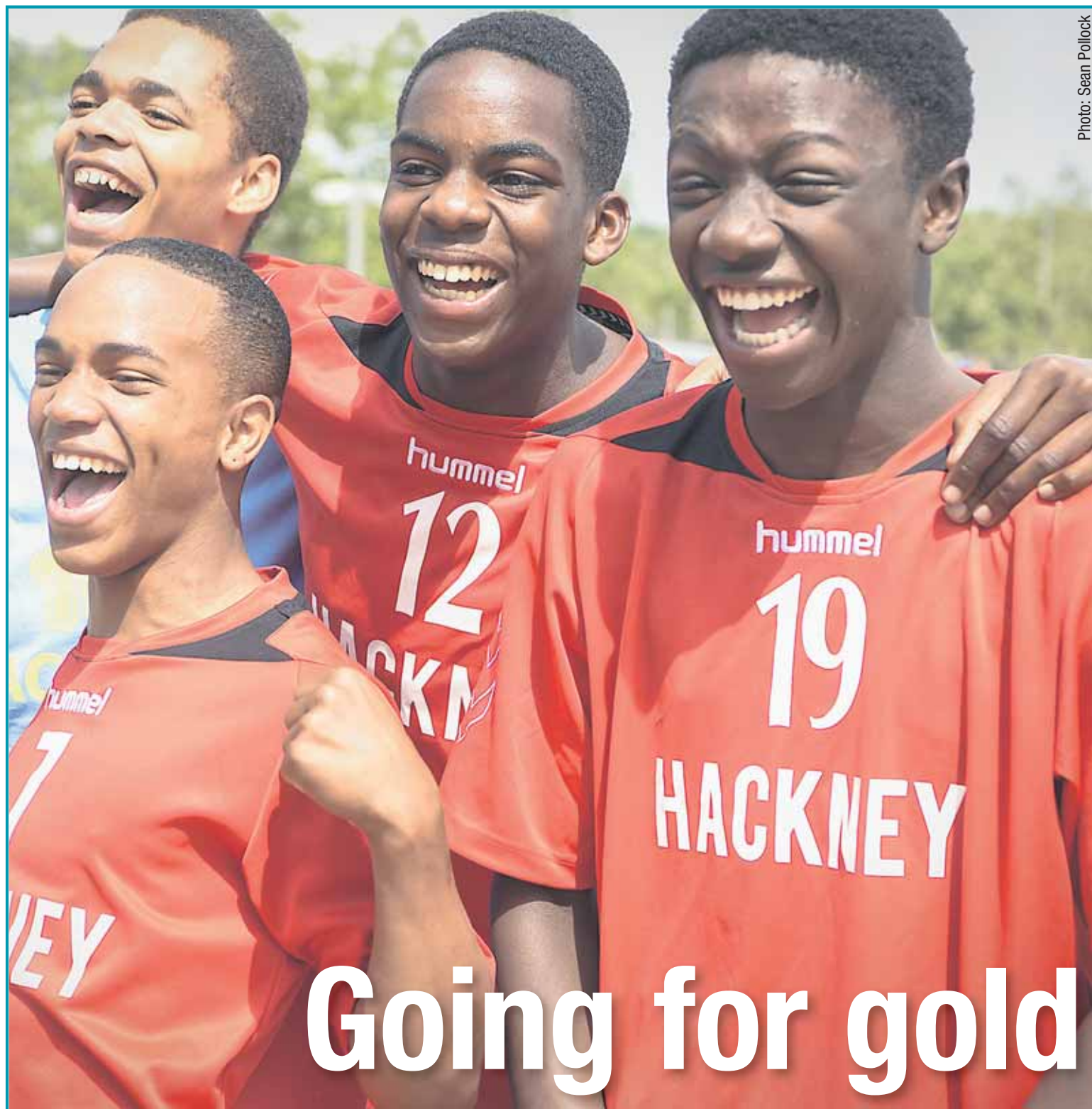


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## Going for gold

Hackney recorded its second highest ever result in the London Youth Games, finishing seventh overall; the boys' handball team (pictured) finished in fifth

**HACKNEY finished seventh in the London Youth Games, recording its second highest result in the competition's 39-year history.**

The games finished with a weekend of finals held at Crystal Palace on 2 and 3 July. Hackney scooped a total of 56 medals, including eight team

and 48 individual awards. Team medals were won in tennis, rowing, BMX, judo and boccia, and individual medals were awarded for

judo, athletics, sailing, diving, aquathlon, kayaking, para indoor rowing, para swimming, rowing, BMX and cycling. Cllr Jonathan McShane,

Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: "Once again Hackney's young athletes have done us proud." **See pages 6-7 for more.**

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Main: Proposed cross section of the museum building; learning pavilion in the gardens; view of additional entrance, opposite Hoxton Station

# Unlocking Geffrye Museum's future

**A** £15million development scheme designed to 'breathe new life' into The Geffrye Museum has been given the go-ahead.

The Council gave the green light to the Hoxton museum's proposals on 6 July, after planning permission for a different type of extension, by David Chipperfield Architects, was refused in 2013.

The latest project, called 'Unlocking the Geffrye', has been designed by Wright and Wright Architects, with the aim of opening up the museum's 18th century almshouse buildings,

**“Developing the museum will ensure our buildings and gardens are safeguarded for future generations”**

and making better use of spaces previously unseen by the public.

In its current state, only 30 per cent of the museum's buildings are publicly accessible. The development will result in that being increased to 70 per cent.

The plans include a learning pavilion and studio in the gardens, a cafe within a former pub on the site, and an additional entrance

directly opposite Hoxton Station, which will enhance the pedestrianised plaza behind the museum on Geffrye Street. A gallery, library and study will also be added to the museum's main almshouse building.

Director of the Geffrye Museum, David Dewing, said: "We have been thrilled by the support we've received for Unlocking the Geffrye and are delighted

that Hackney Council has approved our plans.

"Developing the museum will ensure our buildings and gardens are safeguarded for future generations and many more people from Hackney and beyond will be able to enjoy the Geffrye."

Work is expected to begin at the end of 2017, while the redeveloped museum is set to reopen in 2019.

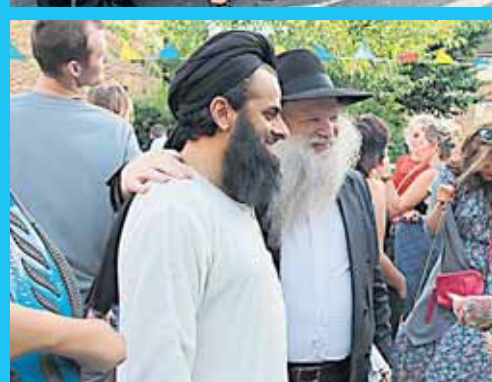
## MORE INFO

For more info on the Geffrye Museum's plans, visit: [www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/aboutus/unlocking-the-geffrye/](http://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/aboutus/unlocking-the-geffrye/)



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Stoke Newington mosque Musallaa An-Noor organised an Eid street party, on Dynevor Road, for the local community

# Eid street party fun

**O**VER 200 people attended an Eid Street Party on Dynevor Road, just off Stoke Newington High Street, on 10 July.

The event was organised by mosque Musallaa An-Noor as an event to bring different communities together sharing fun, food and festivity to mark the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Residents ate traditional celebration foods such as biryani, curries, Indian sweets and cakes. There was also an Arabic calligraphy artist writing attendees names in artful

“It was a true pleasure organising such an event to bring the diverse local community together”



traditional styles, as well as three henna specialists drawing detailed henna tattoos on people's hands and arms.

The Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Rosemary Sales, joined in the celebrations with school teachers, church leaders, Salvation Army representatives, rabbis, police officers and imams.

A local reverend said: “Musallaa An-Noor has

shown the true essence of Islam and community cohesion by inviting all churches, synagogues and other faith organisations from all over Hackney – as well as voluntary and statutory organisations – and most importantly the neighbours. It was an invite I couldn't decline.”

Shaykh Abdullah Rawat, Imam of the host mosque, added: “It was a true pleasure organising such an event to bring the diverse local community together to celebrate the Eid festival with us. We were so pleased with the large turnout and the fantastic environment on the day.”

## News in brief

### Football takeover at museum

LOCAL football team, Hackney Wick FC, held a takeover day at Hackney Museum on 2 July, as part of the summer-long ‘Pubs, Clubs and Carnivals’ exhibition. The Wickers gained some new fans as they wowed visitors with their keepy-uppy skills and football tricks. Emmanuel, seven, who went along with his dad, said: “I love football. Me and my dad want to join the team!”

Visitors also got the chance to design the team's away-kit and practise their own skills with the ball. For more info on Hackney Wick FC, visit: [www.hackneywickfc.com](http://www.hackneywickfc.com)



### Wonderful women in Hackney

HACKNEY Museum and the East End Women's Museum are joining forces to tell the story of women who have led political and social change in the borough. It will be the 100 year anniversary in 2018, since British women first won the right to vote. To mark the occasion, an exhibition exploring how women in the borough have changed society, both with and without the vote, is set to go on display in Hackney Museum.

The two museums are holding an event on 21 July, from 6pm to 7.30pm, for anyone who is interested in sharing ideas on what they would like to see in the exhibition. People can also register their interest in joining a team that will help create the exhibition.

For more info, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/museum](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/museum); or: [eastendwomensmuseum.org/about-us/](http://eastendwomensmuseum.org/about-us/)



Photo: Hackney Archives

Hannah Snell (1723-1792). A cross-dressing woman who disguised herself as a man to become a soldier

## New community road watch scheme makes the borough's streets safer



A NEW scheme has been launched in Hackney to help residents reduce speeding on the roads.

Community Roadwatch gives residents the opportunity to work with police teams, and use speed detection equipment to deter speeding.

David Dode, from Stoke Newington, gave the scheme a

go on 8 July. He said: “I am volunteering today to help make the roads safer. I am a driver myself and I would say to other drivers, please read the road signs and make sure you go at 20mph. You must drive carefully, especially near schools.”

Police Sergeant Lee Bradley, who was on-hand to show

residents how to use the speed-detection-guns, said: “We are getting the people of Hackney to help us make their roads safer.”

Research has shown that speed is often a contributory factor in road collisions. Community Roadwatch is designed to support wider police activity, working with

local communities to make people aware of the dangers of travelling too fast on London's roads.

To volunteer with Community Roadwatch, or suggest a residential area where there are concerns around speeding, visit: [www.tfl.gov.uk/CommunityRoadwatch](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/CommunityRoadwatch)



## feature



Over 1,000 people took part in Hackney's annual Bike Around the Borough event on 6 July, which smashed the world record for a mass cycle ride

# Biking for a world record

**Hackney has smashed the record for the most riders in a 'bike bus' with its sixth annual Bike Around the Borough event on 6 July, involving 50 schools**

**H**UNDREDS of schoolchildren enjoyed the first sunny day in weeks, taking to the streets in a world record-breaking mass cycle ride.

Hackney smashed the record for the most riders in a 'bike bus' with its sixth annual Bike Around the Borough (BATB) event on 6 July, involving 50 schools.

A bike bus is when a group of cyclists ride together along a set route, picking up people as they go. The final count stood at 1,005 – well above the current record of 880 – and is due to be verified by Guinness World Records in the coming days.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for

Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, who took part in the mass ride, said: "We have been doing Bike Around the Borough for five years, but this year has been exceptional because we are now world record holders."

"It's been fantastic to see hundreds of school kids cycling on our roads and hopefully it will show them how fun, healthy and easy it is to get around by bike."

Pop-up motivation stations were positioned along the nine mile route, with hundreds of spectators waving flags and cheering on the cyclists, creating a festival atmosphere.

The ride provided a chance for primary school pupils to practise skills learned at cycle training

**"We have been doing Bike around the Borough for five years, but this year has been exceptional"**

and raise awareness of how easy it is to travel around Hackney by bike. It also resulted in school staff getting training in cycle marshalling.

Inspector Homre Varley, from Hackney Safer Transport Team, said: "There are hundreds of schoolchildren here today, so it's a brilliant engagement opportunity for us. We don't really get a lot of time to engage with schools as much as we'd like to, so this has been a really positive experience."

And the weather's held up as well."

Hackney aims to be the most cycle-friendly borough in London, with 15 per cent of residents travelling by bike for all journeys by 2025.

The borough has been recognised nationally for its innovative approaches to encouraging cycling, with initiatives such as free training for children and adults; a cycle loan scheme; the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on all Council-controlled roads; the Cycle

Hackney app; and bike awareness training for all HGV drivers.

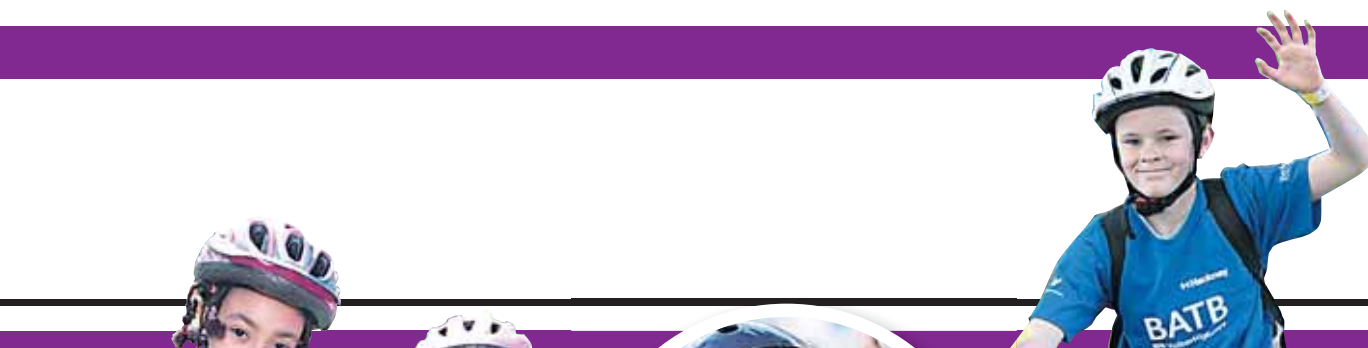
The Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Rosemary Sales, also joined the mass cycle ride. She said: "When I became Speaker I said that I wanted to promote cycling in the borough, so I dusted down my bike which has been in my basement for 12 years."

"This has been the first time I've ridden it in that time and I've really enjoyed it. I hope Hackney will carry on being the best biking borough in the country."

Bike Around the Borough was organised by the Council, in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, and supported by Volker Highways, Berkeley Homes and Keepmoat.







Photos: Gary Manhine







1. Athletics gold medallists Kiah and Nayanna Dubarry Gay; 2. Handball girls' team finished fifth overall (pictured: Aaliyah Samuels-Campbell); 3. Handball boys' team also finished fifth; 4. Archery: Saul Howard finished 17th; 5. Isiah Hills competing in the 200m final; 6. Cycling team finished second; 7. Sailing team finished fifth; 8. Swimming teams finished 18th and 27th



Photos: Sean Pollock / Lynn Humphrey



# Fields of gold

**Hackney secured 56 medals, including eight team and 48 individuals, at the London Youth Games**

**H**ACKNEY has recorded its second highest result in the 39-year history of the London Youth Games, finishing seventh overall in London.

Forty teams finished in the top 20, with 24 of them finishing in the top 10, proving the borough's youth are among the capital's sporting elite.

Over 5,000 young people trained towards final selection for Hackney at the London Youth Games, with 552 going on to compete against the other 32 boroughs in the capital. Hackney was represented by 44 teams across 30 different sports.

The games concluded with a weekend of finals held at Crystal Palace on 2

**“It is always a buzz to come along and compete in the Youth Games”**

and 3 July. Hackney secured a total of 56 medals, including eight team and 48 individual awards.

This year, team medals were won for tennis, rowing, BMX, boys' judo and boccia (a Paralympic sport related to bowls).

There were also individual medals in sailing, athletics, judo, diving, aquathlon (swimming followed by running), kayak sprint, para indoor rowing, para swimming, rowing, BMX, and cycling.

A highlight of the games was Hackney Judo Club

winning the boys' overall team medal, with club participants taking away a huge 16 individual medals.

A Hackney first in individual medal achievement included Nayanna and Kiah Dubarry Gay winning the prestigious 100m and 200m athletics events.

Nayanna, 14, said: “I feel rewarded! I didn't achieve a medal last year, but this year I did it.” Her sister, Kiah, also 14, from the Bridge Academy, added: “It was great to share this achievement with my sister,

who also won gold.”

Other notable wins include first time aquathlon competitor Thomas Archer, who finished second; Pele Julien who won his first gold in senior diving; and Maddie Childs, who appeared in the Games for the first time, and walked away with a gold medal for sailing.

Grace Bradley-Shankar, 17, from Stoke Newington, who is now a member of the British Keelboat Academy squad, said: “It is always a buzz to come along and compete in the Youth Games. It is a privilege. I also like the run-up to competitions, helping coach other young people starting out in the sport, I love that.”

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture,



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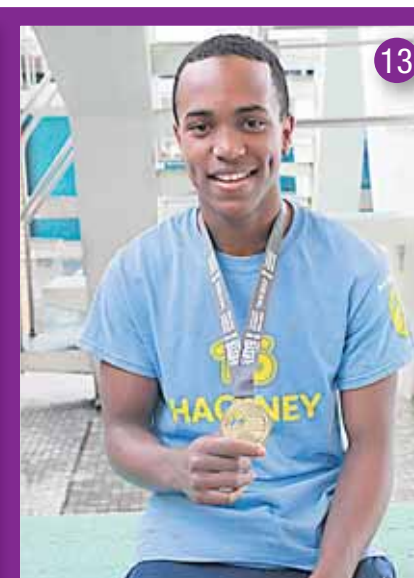
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9. BMX team finished third; 10. Tennis team finished first; 11. Football girls' team finished ninth; 12. Aquathlon participants Lara Basyurt Young & Ella Sharman; 13. Pele Julien won gold in the senior diving



14. Kayak slalom, Vawn Humphries from Laburnum Boat Club; 15. Silver medallist in aquathlon Thomas Archer



added: "Once again Hackney's young athletes have done us proud. Their hard work and dedication has paid off with a fantastic haul of 56 medals.

"It is great to see we are producing some of the best sporting talent in the capital. I would like to say a huge congratulations to our young people as well as their coaches and teachers."

The Council is already on the lookout for young people wanting to represent Hackney in next year's London Youth Games.

## MORE INFO

For more info on the London Youth Games, call: **020 8356 2230**; or visit: **[www.hackney.gov.uk/sports-london-youth-games](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/sports-london-youth-games)**



16. Girls' basketball finished in fifth; 17. Boys' volleyball finished ninth; 18. Jonnie Grant with his judo medal; 19. Indoor rowers Thomas Drayton & Chico Lueng Patton, whose team finished second; 20. Diver Felix Fitzwilliam, whose team finished eighth; 21. Weightlifter Sephora Teka, whose team finished 11th; 22. Tennis teams, both junior & senior, from Hackney City Tennis Club finished joint first place; 23. Kayak sprinter, Dylan O Connor, from Leaside came third







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By Harriet Worsley

ON my 12th birthday my mum asked me if I wanted to do something special," says Karim Kerbouche. Adding: "I didn't know a thing about ice hockey, only that I'd played it on my Sega Mega Drive and the players got to bash each other about. So I asked to go and see the Lee Valley Lions play. I was hooked from then on."

So much so, in fact, that the Hackney resident, who has dual British/Algerian nationality, ended up founding Algeria's first ever national team.

Back then, however, all the young Karim knew was that he wanted to get on the ice himself. He says: "I started playing at Sobell Leisure Centre in Islington. The equipment was expensive and we didn't have much money so I had to get it bit by bit."

But that didn't deter him. After a couple of years he started to take part in more organised hockey with Haringey in the English Junior Leagues. He travelled around the country, playing at different rinks, while also studying sport and leisure at college.

Karim continues: "By my 20s I just played for fun, but I started to think about how popular football was in Algeria, and how fun it would be to create a similar excitement around ice hockey there."

"I was realistic, I knew an ice hockey team wouldn't be as popular as the national football team in a Saharan country, but ice hockey is big in the Gulf. Dubai, for instance has great ice hockey facilities. So why not in Algeria?"

He began looking for other Algerian ice hockey players. Karim says: "To start with, it just involved trawling through hockey databases online in my spare time, looking for

players around the world who had names like mine and who might be Algerian."

When he found one, he would e-mail the club, asking them to put him in touch with their player.

"The French leagues were a good source, because Algeria was a French colony. Still, players would often write back and say, 'sorry, I'm Moroccan'. But when I did find Algerian players I explained my vision of

# Stop, collaborate and listen

Photos: Sebastian Boettcher



Ice hockey player Karim Kerbouche set up an Algerian national team

“It's still hard for people to get their head round the concept of Algerian ice hockey. We get a lot of 'Cool Runnings' jokes”

## Curriculum Vitae: Karim Kerbouche

1982	Born in London
1994	Sees his first ice hockey game
2008	Sets up the Algerian ice hockey team
2009	Signs for Lee Valley Lions
2016	Takes the Algerian team to the African Club Cup tournament

an Algerian team and they were all enthusiastic about representing their country of origin. They'd all had the idea, but none of them had thought it was possible," he says.

The Algerian team Karim ended up with included players living in France, Canada, Belgium, and the UK. But Karim had no money to bring them together. He explains: "I contacted the most established Arab hockey team, in the United Arab

Emirates, and suggested the idea of an Arab cup. They flew me out to Abu Dhabi to discuss it, all expenses paid."

Back in London, Karim contacted all his players to tell them they had been fully funded to compete in the tournament.

He recalls: "I flew them all to London and put them up in my friend's house, 10 to a room. It was the first time we had met in the flesh. We had a week to practise together before flying out to Abu Dhabi to compete. I had to scabble together some rink time for us."

The Arab Cup tournament was 'a rush' and the team was treated like VIPs during their stay. More importantly, out on the ice Karim scored Algeria's first ever goal, against Morocco.

He says: "It was one of the best things in my life. I was so proud and it made all the hard work worth it."

The momentum didn't stop when he returned home, and signed for the first team he ever watched as a 12-year-old: the Lee Valley Lions.

He describes his on-going work to develop the Algerian team as 'challenging'. Karim adds: "The Government doesn't really understand what we're trying to do, but the public are a different story: we have over 120,000 followers on Facebook."

Today, he works for leisure centre provider GLL and, in a couple of weeks, is taking the Algerian ice hockey team to the first ever African Club Cup tournament in Morocco.

He says: "I want to build the membership within Algeria, so we have more players from inside the country instead of expats."

Are his family proud? "They're a bit bemused," he laughs, adding: "It's still hard for people to get their head round the concept of Algerian ice hockey. We get a lot of 'Cool Runnings' jokes..."



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# Love parks week

**I**T is time to celebrate one of Hackney's greatest assets: its parks. Love Parks Week, which runs until 24 July, encourages people to visit, enjoy and take pride in their green spaces.

Hackney is covered by over 300 hectares of parkland, ranging from the largest concentration of football pitches in Europe at Hackney Marshes, to the beautifully historic setting of Clissold Park.

The Council's dedicated team of park staff work hard to make the borough look great, but they need help from residents. From putting litter in the bin, to keeping dogs under control,

**“I love all the wildlife we have in the middle of the city; parks are great for children”**

there are lots of things people can do to keep Hackney's parks great.

Alex Mair, 46, gardener at London Fields, said: “I've lived in Hackney all of my life and I love working in the parks and making the borough look good.

“I wish people would pick up their litter; the Council spends a lot of money picking it up.”

The borough's award-winning parks are enjoyed by millions of visitors each

year. Many people do not have access to a garden, so parks provide the necessary outdoor spaces for residents to take in fresh air and get out into nature.

Rita Charles, park keeper at Haggerston Park, said: “I love all the wildlife we have in the middle of the city; parks are great for children to explore. I was weeding around the lake and found a load of baby frogs.

“Parks are very important to the community and are

Hackney's back garden for everyone to enjoy.”

All park users have the responsibility to clear up and dispose of their rubbish – including dog poo – in the bins provided.

Cllr McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: “Love Parks Week is a great way to celebrate Hackney's parks, we have the most green space in inner-London, and they are at the heart of our neighbourhoods.

“Parks are essential places for healthy, happy communities, so we all need to work together to show our love and appreciation for Hackney's green spaces.”

## News in brief



### Hackney's flower meadows are looking blooming lovely

BEES, butterflies, birds and, of course, residents were pleased to see that the London Fields and Hackney Downs flower meadows are now in full bloom.

Flowering right through the summer until October, the urban meadows offer a colourful haven for wildlife, as well as a peaceful place for residents to sit and enjoy their free time. The London Fields meadow has paths mown through it, as well as a central seating area, so everyone can enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of nature, without disturbing wildlife.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: “The meadows have proved extremely popular with residents and have become a major attraction to the parks.

“We want to remind all users to pick up their litter and be respectful of the meadows so that all residents can enjoy them.”



## The Council urges residents to freeze food before use-by date to combat waste



**THE Council backed Food Safety Week, which ran from 4 to 10 July, by helping residents to think about how to waste less food by making better use of their freezers.**

Research by the Food Standards Agency, which launched the nation-wide campaign, revealed that 68

per cent of UK adults had thrown away food in the past month, and over two thirds had thrown away food that was past its use-by date. This contributes to the seven million tonnes of food that is wasted in the UK every year, costing each household £470 annually.

Hackney supported the

campaign by encouraging people at a number of voluntary group lunch clubs, and outside Tesco in Morning Lane, to tackle food waste by planning ahead and freezing food before its use-by date.

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, said:

“Throwing away food unnecessarily can cost a household a fortune. We helped residents think about their freezers as a pause button as most food can be safely frozen right up to the use-by date.”

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# what's on

## TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibitions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

### 1. THE HUMAN FIGURE-MODERN MYTH AND STORYTELLING

Four local artists collaborate to celebrate figurative art

► See Art & Exhibitions

### 2. BREW SCHOOL

Have a go at making your own beer from scratch

► See Courses

### 3. DALSTON HISTORY WALK

Discover how Dalston was home to orphans, destitute women and a hospital for foreigners

► See Health, Fitness & Sport

### 4. VISIONS FESTIVAL

Multi-venue festival, Visions, returns with live performances by Young Fathers, Anna Calvi, Lindstrom and more

► See Nightlife

### 5. GIRLS ROCK

Girls can form a band, learn an instrument, and write and perform an original song

► See Young People

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## PREVIEW

## Grimeborn

23 July - 8 September, Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, E8 3DL

INNOVATIVE new interpretations of classic operas; unknown and long forgotten works; and brand new pieces from the most exciting composers, musicians and companies. No wonder Grimeborn is called 'an opera festival like no other'.

This year, Grimeborn celebrates 10 years of challenging the perception of opera as elitist by showcasing emerging talents and introducing new audiences to the genre at the Arcola.

► For more info, visit: [www.arcolatheatre.com/grimeborn](http://www.arcolatheatre.com/grimeborn)

The festival kicks off with Arcola Creative Engagement's giant puppet opera, bringing Bartok's Bluebeard's Castle to life. Their family friendly, one-off performance on 23 July uses music, dance, movement and large scale puppets made from recycled materials. August is given over to a dizzying, whistle stop tour of operas new and old, big and small, until the festival closes with the bold new musical 'Something Inside So Strong', on 6 to 8 September. Think you know opera? Try Grimeborn for a fresh perspective.

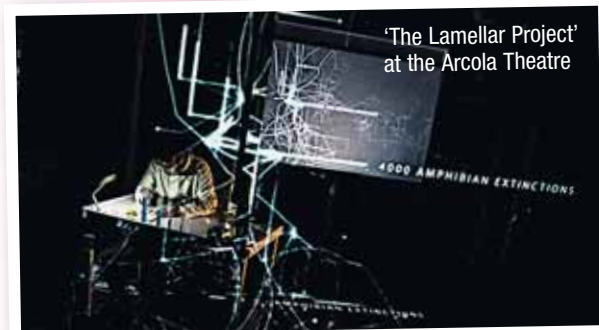
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NIGHTLIFE



HEALTH, FITNESS &amp; SPORT



'The Lamellar Project'  
at the Arcola Theatre



**ART &  
EXHIBITIONS****OUT OF OBSCURITY****Until 3 Sept, Tues-Sat,  
10am-6pm**

The first of a two-part group exhibition focusing on abstraction within contemporary photography. 'Out of Obscurity' presents a speculative journey in response to a series of cloud studies produced in the 1920s by Alfred Stieglitz titled 'Equivalents'. From the disorienting perspectives of aerial photography, to physical manipulation of photography's material properties, the exhibition draws together visions of the sky produced by a range of international artists. Free. All ages. Flowers Gallery, 82 Kingsland Road, E2 8DP. **Info: 020 7920 7777; [www.flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/out-of-](http://www.flowersgallery.com/exhibitions/view/out-of-)**

**obscurity****JOSH BILTON: UNDERSONG****Until 17 Sept, Mon-Fri,  
10am-5pm/Sat 12noon-6pm**

Josh Bilton's 'Undersong' consists of an immersive sound and video installation and a self-guided audio walking tour that incorporates buildings and monuments in the area around the gallery. His videos depict the quarry on the Isle of Portland, and show what is left behind after repeated extraction of the stone. Bilton places his own body in the landscape, highlighting the relationship between the self and the material constructions of power and belief systems.

Free. All ages. SPACE, 129-131 Mare Street, E8 3RH. **Info: 020 8525 4330; [www.spacestudios.org.uk/exhibition-programme/josh-bilton-undersong/](http://www.spacestudios.org.uk/exhibition-programme/josh-bilton-undersong/)**

**THE HUMAN FIGURE-  
MODERN MYTH AND  
STORYTELLING****19-24 Jul, Tues-Sun, various  
opening times**

Four local artists collaborate to celebrate figurative art and focus on a variety of artistic approaches to the representation of the human figure, from post-contemporary realism to Baroque. Free. All ages. The Gallery, Stoke Newington Library, 184 Church Street, N16 0JS. **Info: [www.rossoart.net/events](http://www.rossoart.net/events)**

**SUMMER CERAMIC OPEN  
STUDIOS****30 & 31 Jul, 12noon-6pm**

Inspirational handmade works by 12 local ceramic artists and designers will be on sale, with demonstrations on various art techniques and a smoke firing event at this two-day sale. Free. All ages. Glebe Road Studios, 18 Glebe Road, Dalston, E8 4BD.

**Info: 07949 985 306; [www.mazchenik.co.uk](http://www.mazchenik.co.uk)****CINEMA****RIO**

Zootropolis (PG); The Neon Demon (18); Men And Chicken (15); Chevalier (18); The Jungle Book (PG); The Angry Birds Movie (U); Jason Bourne (TBC); Born to Be Blue (15). Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street, Dalston, E8 2PB. **Info: 020 7241 9410; [www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk](http://www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk)**

**RICH MIX**

Ghostbusters 2D/3D (12A); The Neon Demon (18); Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie (15); The BFG 2D/3D (PG). Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, E1 6LA. **Info: 020 7613 7498; [www.richmix.org.uk](http://www.richmix.org.uk)**

**HACKNEY PICTUREHOUSE**

Men And Chicken (15); The Hard Stop (15); Ghostbusters 2D (12A); The Neon Demon (18); Maggie's Plan (15); Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie (15); Secret Life of Pets 2D (U); Weiner (15); Ice Age: Collision Course 2D (PG); Star Trek Beyond 2D/3D (TBC); The BFG 2D/3D (PG); Jason Bourne (TBC); Finding Dory 2D(U)/3D (PG). Hackney Picturehouse, 270 Mare St, E8 1HE. **Info: 0871 902 5734; [www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney\\_picturehouse](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk/cinema/hackney_picturehouse)**

**COURSES****LINE DANCING****Every Wed, 1-2pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of dance while meeting new people and having fun. Learn basic line dancing moves with a repeated sequence of steps for all levels. No experience necessary. Sponsored by Hoxton Health. Ages 55+. Regent Estate Pensioners' Club, 33 Brougham Road, E8 4PD. **Info: 020 7249 6361.**

**BRITISH FLOWER HAND-  
TIED WORKSHOP****20 Jul, 7-8.30/9pm**

Create a hand-tied bouquet, with British flowers and leave with your own creation. Florist and plant shop Grace and Thorn creates luxury flowers for high-end wedding and fashion events. £70. Netil 360, 1 Westgate Street, E8 3RL. **Info: [www.graceandthorn.com/products/netil360-](http://www.graceandthorn.com/products/netil360-)**

**british-flower-hand-tied****SPANISH CONVERSATION****21 Jul, 7-8pm**

This class focuses on speaking and error correction. Each session will cover a different topic to help encourage you to use more advanced vocabulary and grammatical structures. Suitable for intermediates. Check on the day if the lesson is going ahead as a minimum of three attendees is required for it to take place. £10. Ages 18+. Costa, Dalston Shopping Centre, Kingsland Road, E8 2LX. **Info: 07598 987 293; [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thursday-evening-beginner-spanish-conversation-group-in-dalston-hackney-tickets-23898807978?aff=es2z](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thursday-evening-beginner-spanish-conversation-group-in-dalston-hackney-tickets-23898807978?aff=es2z)**

**FREESTYLE MACHINE  
EMBROIDERY****23 Jul, 11am-5pm**

This class will introduce you to the creativity and joy of drawing using a sewing machine to design embroidery. Learn a host of techniques and walk away with a unique piece of textile art. Materials included. Booking essential. £50/45 conc. Ages 16+. Fabrications, 7 Broadway Market, E8 4PH. **Info: 020 7275 8043; [www.fabrications1.co.uk](http://www.fabrications1.co.uk)**

**FAMILY PHOTO FUN****23 Jul, 6 & 27 Aug,  
11.30am-1pm**

Explore photography, history and identity through playful activities for all the family to do together in this creative

**Competition**

IT isn't hard to imagine a futuristic world when the production you are watching is so visionary it takes place live in both Hackney and Philadelphia, USA. Staged at The Arcola Theatre from 9 to 13 August, 'The Lamellar Project' is billed as 'science fiction meets eco-activism in a gripping story of love and betrayal'. With the eco-system under attack, two scientists on opposite sides of the Atlantic are thrown into a war that threatens to tear both their world and their relationship apart.

As intriguing as the plot, however, is the technology employed. Film and theatre intertwine onstage, while a live video link brings an actor from the Philadelphia

theatre group Tiny Dynamite into the action.

**Tickets are £15, with £12 concessions. For more information visit: [www.arcolatheatre.com](http://www.arcolatheatre.com)**

**Hackney Today is giving away two pairs of tickets to watch 'The Lamellar Project' at the Arcola Theatre. Send your entry to 'The Lamellar Project' competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 1st Floor, Maurice Bishop House, 17 Reading Lane, E8 1NN; or e-mail: [htnews@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:htnews@hackney.gov.uk) by 12noon on 29 July. Submissions must include an address and contact number. Winners will be pulled out of a hat.**



workshop. Learn about how old photographs were made, make family photo trees, recreate famous photographs using each family member, play with materials and dress up in different fashions from Britain's diverse cultural history. £5 per family. All ages. Autograph ABP, Rivington Place, Shoreditch, EC2A 3BA. **Info: 020 7749 1240; [www.autograph-abp.co.uk/learning/family-photo-fun](http://www.autograph-abp.co.uk/learning/family-photo-fun)**

#### HOME BREW DEPOT – BREW SCHOOL

**23 Jul, 12noon-5.30pm**  
Have a go at making your own beer from scratch as a master brewer walks you through the home brewing process. Over the course of the day, sample a variety of beers, with an explanation of styles, flavours and origins throughout. Each student will take home a demijohn full of beer ready to start fermenting. Lunch included. £65. Ages 18+. The Adam & Eve pub, 155 Homerton High Street, E9 6AS. **Info: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hbd-hackney-brew-school-beer-tasting-tickets-25716653202?aff=es2](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hbd-hackney-brew-school-beer-tasting-tickets-25716653202?aff=es2)**

#### SPICE UP YA VEG!

**24 Jul, 12.30-3pm**  
Make your everyday vegetables more interesting with Chef Nick Wilkinson as he gives tips and tricks to get the most from your vegetables in terms of flavour and variety. Free/pay by donation. Suggested minimum donation is £5 per workshop but no one turned away due to lack of funds. Made In Hackney, Food For All Basement, 3 Cazenove Road, N16 6PA. **Info: 020 8442 4266; [www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/spice-up-ya-veg](http://www.madeinhackney.org/whats-on/event/spice-up-ya-veg)**



#### PASTRY CLASS

**7 Aug, 11am-5.30pm**  
Led by a talented pastry chef and baker, this day course

teaches participants how to use the classics of patisserie to create a range of delicious cakes, as well as tips on how to achieve a professional finish. Learn to make choux pastry and shortcrust from scratch and how to use these to make your own eclairs and individual tartlets as well as tips and tricks for perfecting a classic Victoria Sponge. Take away the knowledge and confidence to continue at home. Suitable for all levels. £175. Ingredients, lunch, tea and coffee included. Bring a bag to take your goods away in. E5 Bakehouse, Arch 395, Mentmore Terrace, London Fields, E8 3PH. **Info: 020 8525 2890; [www.e5bakehouse.com/classes/pastry/](http://www.e5bakehouse.com/classes/pastry/)**



#### HEALTH, FITNESS & SPORT

#### HOTPOD YOGA - LUNCHTIME CLASS

**Every Mon-Sat, 12.30pm-1.15pm**  
Calm your mind and coordinate movement with breathing, to flow from one pose to the next using Vinyasa yoga techniques, held in an inflatable, heated pod. Suitable for beginners/intermediates. Bring own towel and water. Arrive 10 minutes before the class. Online booking essential. £12 for single class or £15 one week unlimited access. Ages 18+. 9-15 Helmsley Place, E8 3SB. **Info: 020 3771 2285; [www.hotpodyoga.com](http://www.hotpodyoga.com)**

#### CAPOEIRA FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN

**Every Sat, 9.45-10.45am**  
Learn basic capoeira skills through physical games and movements in the park as a great way to spend time

together as a family. Suitable for complete beginners and intermediates. £5 per family. Ages 4-50. Haggerston Park, Queensbridge Road (Whiston Road entrance, in the walled section). **Info: 07872 938 611; [www.capoeira.co.uk/news/summer-parent-and-children-class/](http://www.capoeira.co.uk/news/summer-parent-and-children-class/)**



#### DISCUSSION ON COMPLEMENTARY & ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

**27 Jul, 6-8pm**  
Join commissioners and practitioners to find out all you need to know about complementary and alternative medicine, what options are available on the NHS, and how funding decisions are made. Refreshments included. Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Lane, E8 1HL. **Info: 020 7923 8367; [www.healthwatchhackney.co.uk/events/complementary-and-alternative-medicine](http://www.healthwatchhackney.co.uk/events/complementary-and-alternative-medicine)**

#### DALSTON HISTORY WALK

**30 Jul, 11-1.15pm**  
Once home to infant orphans, destitute women and a hospital for foreigners, find out how rural Dalston changed into Hackney suburbia. Discover which square inspired EastEnders' Albert Square, whose royal mistress lived there and more. £8. All ages. Meeting point: Dalston Junction Station. **Info: 07710 414 240; [www.walkhackney.co.uk/dalston-walk-2/](http://www.walkhackney.co.uk/dalston-walk-2/)**



## PREVIEW

### Summer adventures at Sutton House

**23 July - 30 September, Sutton House, E9 6JQ**

STUCK on what to do with the kids this summer? Look no further than Hackney's very own Sutton House with its packed programme of summer activities. From building clubs and tiny worlds, to puppet shows, Sutton House will be holding an array of workshops for all the family. **'Shhh, did you hear that?'** £5.50 adults, £2.75 children, under fives & National Trust members free. From 12noon-4.30pm, 23 Jul to 30 Sept. Join in the Borrower spotting fun and look around old floor boards and chimneys to unearth a magical world of little people right beneath your feet.

#### BUILD – Holiday Club

£240 per child for the six-day holiday club, from 1 to 6 August.

A week-long summer school aimed at children, aged between eight and 14-years-old, as they work with architects to model, design and build two giant installations.

#### 'Bobbin' – A Tea Break Production

£5. Three shows a day on 27 July & 28 July. Visit and enjoy the interactive puppetry show, 'Bobbin', created by Tea Break Theatre. A combination of music, magic and wordless puppetry.

For more info, and tickets, visit: **[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sutton-house)**

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#### THE HILFIGER PARTY

**22 Jul, 9pm till late**  
Club night Hot Since 91 presents, 'The Hilfiger Party', a Friday night themed jam playing party bangers in hip-hop, jungle, grime and more. Grab some cocktails and pop bottles while dressed in your best Tommy Hilfiger apparel for a chance to win £50 Love2Shop Voucher. £10 adv/MOTD. The Hoxton Pony, 104-108 Curtain Rd, EC2A 3AH. **Info: 020 3409 3636; [www.thehoxtonpony.com/whats\\_on](http://www.thehoxtonpony.com/whats_on)**

#### HOT WUK CARNIVAL WARM-UP

**22 Jul, 10pm-4am**  
Warm up for Notting Hill Carnival in Shoreditch with the biggest dancehall bangers of 2016, and the hypes

bashment vibes. Whistles and horns will be given out, plus a Bruk it Down competition for the best dancers in the crowd. £14/16/£20 otd. Ages 18+. Village Underground, 54 Holywell Lane, EC2A 3PQ. **Info: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hot-wuk-carnival-warm-up-tickets-25722041318](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hot-wuk-carnival-warm-up-tickets-25722041318)**



#### HACKNEY HOLI COLOUR BEACH PARTY

**31 Jul, 2-11pm**  
The Holi paint party (a Hindu festival in India and Nepal) has become famous outside Asia, and Hackney Wick's version transforms its surroundings into a colourful mix of dance, food and of course, coloured paint. DJs spin disco, house

and funk inside and out on the beach area. Tickets include three bags of skin-safe paint powder. Free until 5pm. Family friendly until 6pm. Ages 18+. The Old Bath House, 80 Eastway, Hackney Wick, E9 5JH. **Info: [www.facebook.com/events/1089683957759368/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1089683957759368/)**



#### VISIONS FESTIVAL

**6 Aug, 1pm**  
Multi-venue festival, Visions, returns this year with an array of live performances by Young Fathers, Anna Calvi, Lindstrom, Mykki Blanco, Elf Kid and more, with street food and craft beer also on offer, all across participating Hackney



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### THE MUSHPIT WORKSHOPS CURATED BY LOUBY MCLOUGHLIN

**PREVIEW**

## The Stitch Academy

**23 July-21 August, Hackney Walk, E9 6LH**

FANCY learning shoe design from celebrated shoe designer Sophia Webster or chatting about the fashion trade with Henry Holland?

From 23 July to 21 August, the Council and Hackney Walk fashion district are hosting The Stitch Academy, a free programme of workshops, talks and masterclasses focused on fashion. Curated by acclaimed stylist Loubie McLoughlin, it aims to give residents the opportunity to hone their skills under the eye of world-class experts. British menswear designer Katie Eary kicks off the series with an event in which you

can make your own garment. Rising fashion star Mary Benson is hosting a workshop in print making, while Henry Holland will be popping by to give a talk.

Elsewhere in the programme you'll find renowned milliner Piers Atkinson running a festival headwear workshop, BLEACH London founder Alex Brownsell manning a creative hair colouring masterclass, and WAH Nails owner Sharmadean Reid showing people how to create nail art.

To register for a free ticket visit: [www.hackneywalk.com](http://www.hackneywalk.com)

venues. £35. Mangle, E8; St-John-at-Hackney Church, E5; Oval Space, E2; London Fields Brewhouse, E8; Moth Club, E9; Netil 360, E8; Space Gallery, E8. **Info:** [www.visionsfestival.com](http://www.visionsfestival.com)


**THEATRE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

### THE RUBY IN THE SMOKE

**Until 30 Jul, 7.30pm**  
The bestselling novel comes to life on stage for the first time. After her father's mysterious death, Sally Lockhart is thrown into the heart of Victorian London, battling unseen forces to uncover the secrets he left behind. Strap yourselves in for a tale of breathtaking intrigue, unforgettable characters, and, behind everything, a legendary ruby waiting to be found. £8/6 conc. The Courtyard Theatre, Bowling Green Walk, 40 Pitfield Street, N1 6EU. **Info:** 020 7729 2202; [www.thecourtyard.org](http://www.thecourtyard.org).

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### CARGO

**Until 6 Aug, 3.30pm/8pm**  
This world premiere is a tense and provocative thriller that reveals how much people are willing to risk in search of a better life. In the dark of a container ship, a group sits huddled. For the cargo on this vessel, home is a long-distant memory. Will they survive the perilous journey to find a better future? Or could the greatest threat to their safety be locked amongst them? £17/14 conc. Ages 12+. Arcola Theatre, 24 Ashwin Street, Dalston, E8 3DL. **Info:** 020 7503 1646; [www.arcolatheatre.com/event/cargo/2016-07-07/](http://www.arcolatheatre.com/event/cargo/2016-07-07/)

### GLORY COMEDY

**26 Jul, 8pm**  
An Edinburgh Fringe festival preview showcasing comedians Sarah Kendall set to preview a new hour of storytelling, and 'proper mad comedian', Holly Burn. £7.20/8 otd. The Glory, 281, Kingsland Road, E2 8AS. **Info:** 020 7684 0794; [www.theglory.co/events/glory-comedy-sarah-kendall-and-holly-burn/](http://www.theglory.co/events/glory-comedy-sarah-kendall-and-holly-burn/)

### EPIC SPEECHES/LYRIC STAGES

**2 Aug, 6.30pm**  
This one-off open night of original music, theatre, and spoken word celebrates London's lyrical prowess and cross-form artistic audacity. Expect new work from emerging theatre makers, plus new, fresh, experimental music and open mic slots. Free. Ages 16+. Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1 6LA. **Info:** 020 7613 7498; [www.richmix.org.uk/events/theatre/rmyt16-epic-speecheslyric-stages](http://www.richmix.org.uk/events/theatre/rmyt16-epic-speecheslyric-stages)


**YOUNG PEOPLE**


### HYPY SUMMER PROGRAMME

**25 Jul-5 Aug, various times between 9am-4pm**

Pick up a new hobby or start your career, all while having fun and taking part in creative workshops and clubs in TV presenting, baking, Photoshop, sports, music production, hair dressing and more. £20. Ages 11-18. BSix, Sixth Form College, Kenninghall Road, E5 8BP. **Info:** 020 7249 4542; [www.htea1.com/#!/hpyu-summer-programme-2016/wdsi5](http://www.htea1.com/#!/hpyu-summer-programme-2016/wdsi5)

### SUMMER ART CAMP

**25 Jul-19 Aug, 10am-5pm**  
Each day children will discover a new craft, trying pottery painting, making clay pots with a potter's wheel, silk printing, mosaic, felting and more followed by a playtime session in Victoria Park. Bring a packed lunch. £154 a week/£39 a day (discounts available for siblings. Ages 8-12. Wonderland Ceramics, 237 Victoria Park Road, E9 7HD. **Info:** 020 8985 1214; [www.wonderlandceramics.com/wp/art-camp-victoria-park/](http://www.wonderlandceramics.com/wp/art-camp-victoria-park/)

### GIRLS ROCK LONDON

**1-6 Aug, 10am-5pm**  
Girls Rock London creates opportunities for girls to make and perform music. In its upcoming camp, girls can form a band, learn an instrument, and write and perform an original song at a showcase. No previous musical experience necessary. Lunch included. £200 (£100 deposit). Ages 11-16. The Blue Studios, 160 Dalston Lane, E8 1NG. **Info:** [www.girlsrocklondon.com/#!/the-camps/e648v](http://www.girlsrocklondon.com/#!/the-camps/e648v)



### S.H.E.L KIDS SUMMER MULTI SPORT CAMP

**1-12 Aug, 10am-3pm/9am-5pm**  
Kids can enjoy two weeks of fun and active multi-sport activities during the summer holidays with information stations and quizzes on health, education and guidance on life issues. There will also be prizes and trophies to be won throughout the week. For girls and boys, aged 7-13. All abilities. £8/12 for early start, late finish. Space Sports Centre, Falkirk Street, N1 6HF. **Info:** 07938 594 467; [www.shelprogramme.co.uk/index.php/shel-holiday-activities#V35sQdQrLs1](http://www.shelprogramme.co.uk/index.php/shel-holiday-activities#V35sQdQrLs1)


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### BUSK EAST INTERNATIONAL

**23 Jul, 12noon-9pm**  
The East London Fringe presents The International Buskers Festival; a vibrant

affirmation of East London's music scene. Expect an array of music and street artists, performing across nine stages in parks, streets and squares across Shoreditch. Selected venues will also feature markets stalls, hand-built bars and carnival rides. From £5. Ages 18+. Shoreditch Park, N1 (main stage) plus various locations. **Info:** [www.eastlondonfringefest.co.uk/venues/outdoor/shoreditch-park](http://www.eastlondonfringefest.co.uk/venues/outdoor/shoreditch-park)



### BROTHER SEWING MACHINE DAY

**28 Jul, 10.30am-5pm**  
Thinking of buying a sewing machine? Then come along and try out Brother's range of sewing, quilting and embroidery machines. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and see demos. Special offers and promotions on purchases are available on the day. Free entry. Ages 18+. Fabrications, 7 Broadway Market, E8 4PH. **Info:** 020 7275 8043; [barley@fabrications1.co.uk](mailto:barley@fabrications1.co.uk); [www.fabrications1.co.uk](http://www.fabrications1.co.uk)

## what's on

Important information for submissions

To submit your listing to What's On for publication in Hackney Today and on the Council website, fill in the e-form at: [www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/whatson)

Please see the guidance notes on the website for further information.

We reserve the right to edit any material. No submission is guaranteed a listing.

## Competitions



**Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win tickets to Citadel festival in issue 382.**

The lucky winner was C Mottahedin-Fardo, E9.



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## U is for uplifting

Pupils from Kingsmead Primary School, E9, learn to read while being filmed for hit BBC documentary 'B is for Book'

**A** HIT BBC documentary series has made stars of five Hackney schoolchildren.

The show, called 'B is for Book' first aired on BBC 4 on 5 July. Recorded at Kingsmead Primary School, E9, it follows the children through their Reception and Year 1 classes, documenting their progress in learning to read.

Filming for the series took place over the course of a year, both in school lessons and in the children's homes. Louise Nichols, Executive Headteacher of Kingsmead

**“It's a real joy to see the children make such great progress throughout the course of the film”**

Primary School, said: “Our teachers work with great skill to support the early stages of reading for all children and this fascinating documentary accurately depicts this.

“It was very brave of the teachers to allow their work to be documented in this way and it's a real joy to see the children make such

great progress throughout the course of the film.”

It is the children themselves who shine, however. One little girl, asked by the camera man to define love, replies: “Love is when someone likes someone and they don't know what's going on.”

Another turns to a classmate and says: “Do

you always listen? You're a good girl. I'm sometimes a bit in trouble.”

Reviews of the documentary and its stars have been stellar. The Radio Times, said: “It'll fill you with joy”, concluding that Kingsmead's pupils give us all hope for the future: “Stick with these kids and we'll be fine.”

### MORE INFO

To view 'B is for Book' on iPlayer visit:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07jlb7](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07jlb7)

## News in brief

### Making a splash at the Lee Valley White Water Centre

By Dila Tumer

A GROUP of students from Stoke Newington School, N16, were among 500 young people from across East London, Essex and Hertfordshire who had an exhilarating day of rafting and canoeing for free. The event was part of the sixth annual Schools Festival on 6 July at Lee Valley White Water Centre, where students experienced the twists and turns of a 300m-long Olympic white water rafting course that flows at 13,000 litres of water per second. Young people also had the chance to participate in a range of activities from kayaking to canoeing. They could also tackle the ergo challenge, to log as many metres as fast as possible on a kayak machine; test their footballing skills to see who could claim the fastest shot of the day, thanks to the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation; and try their hand at tennis on a pop-up court, set up by The Lawn Tennis Association. Shaun Dawson, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Chief Executive, said: “The Schools Festival is a testament to the sporting and social legacy the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games has left, giving young people the chance to experience world class venues and to take part in an activity that they may not have previously considered.”



## Celebrating four decades of childcare at Sandbrook Community Playgroup



Sandbrook Community Playgroup pupils in the 70s

A STOKES Newington street party embraced three generations as it celebrated the 40th anniversary of a local playgroup with a radical history.

The event, organised by parents at Sandbrook Community Playgroup, took on a 1970s theme to celebrate the historic moment when local mothers first clubbed

together to provide affordable childcare for working families in the area.

Founded in a church hall in 1972, Sandbrook sprang from frustration at the lack of local childcare provision in that era. It aimed to redress that, through a parent-run playgroup, mixing education and childcare for children under five years old.

On 10 July, more than 200 people gathered at Sandbrook to celebrate that moment. They wore retro clothes, ate 70s snacks and played games including hula-hooping and chalking on the pavements.

Suzanne Cotton, whose daughter currently attends the playgroup, went to Sandbrook herself in the 1980s. She said: “I remember

being really happy there. That's why I wanted my three children to go there.”

Vanessa Linehan, the current manager at Sandbrook, said: “The Hackney parents who founded Sandbrook Community Playgroup should be extremely proud that four decades later it is still going strong.”





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## Democracy in action

Elections for Hackney Youth Parliament take place in October. Anyone aged 11 to 19 can stand, as long as they live, work, or go to school in Hackney

**Y**OUNG people are being given the chance to shape services in the borough where they live, as the nomination process for Hackney Youth Parliament gets underway.

Elections take place in October. Anyone aged 11 to 19 can stand, as long as they live, work, or go to school in Hackney. Nominations open this month, with candidates beginning their election campaigns in early September.

The parliament consults young people on their views and keeps them up-to-date on issues that affect them. They also plan youth and community

**“I’d recommend Youth Parliament to anyone who wants to make a difference”**

events, campaign on issues they feel are important, and elect representatives to the national UK Youth Parliament, attending regional and national events. Young people can vote according to the area they live or go to school in.

Beth Foster-Ogg, 19, Hackney Youth Parliament Member, said: “I’d recommend Youth Parliament to anyone who wants to make a difference. It gave me an extraordinary insight into Hackney as a

borough and the way the Council and other services work to improve young people’s lives. It’s a new and exciting experience, and a great chance to meet lots of passionate and engaged young people.”

Former Youth Parliament members include Ife Grillo, who is now vice chair of the British Youth Council. He has also represented England in an international debating competition. Jermain Jackman, winner of The Voice 2014, is also

a former member, who believes ‘if you want to change things you have to listen, you have to act, you have to take part’.

Young Hackney is hosting a drop-in training day to let people find out what is required in order to stand as a candidate. The event will take place at Young Hackney Forest Road Youth Hub, on 25 July, from 5pm to 7.30pm.

The deadline for online applications is 22 July.

### MORE INFO

To apply, visit: [www.younghackney.org/get-involved](http://www.younghackney.org/get-involved); e-mail: [getinvolved@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:getinvolved@hackney.gov.uk); or call: 020 8356 7404

## News in brief



### Take to the skies with free kite flying workshops for all

FAMILIES across Hackney are being invited to take part in a series of free kite flying activities over the summer. These include kite building, storytelling and poetry writing, with the finale – a mass kite flying day – set to take place at Hackney Marshes on 13 August. Residents will learn how to make a Caribbean Singing Kite, which is traditionally flown at Easter time, is six or eight-sided, and usually decorated with bright colours and geometric designs.

Kite making workshops will take place at Homerton Library on: 27 July, 3 August, and 10 August, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. A family poetry writing workshop at Homerton Library will take place on 4 August, from 2pm to 3.30pm; and a family storytelling event at Homerton Library is set to take place on 11 August, from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Families are then welcomed to participate or watch the Caribbean Singing Kite flying at Hackney Marshes on 13 August, from 2pm to 4pm.

For more info, or to sign up, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries-whats-on#Homerton](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries-whats-on#Homerton)



## Step by Step charity celebrates 20 years helping children with disabilities



Step by Step connects disabled children in the Orthodox Jewish Community with fun activities

A STAMFORD Hill charity has celebrated its 20 year anniversary helping children with disabilities.

Since 1998, Step by Step has connected disabled children in the Orthodox Jewish Community with fun activities such as sports, leisure clubs, camps and residential breaks that also promote their

development and skills.

Over the years, it has grown from a small organisation that ran a single, weekly activity, to one providing daily activities for over 130 children and their families across East London.

To celebrate the charity’s anniversary, over 200 supporters were treated to

free ice skating, face painting and balloon modelling.

There was a speech by the Chair of BBC Children in Need, Stevie Spring, who said: “We have been funding Step by Step for a number of years. It’s such a special organisation, making a huge difference to the lives of disabled children and their families.”

A presentation was made to Toni Dawodu, head of special educational needs and disability at Hackney Learning Trust, in recognition of her dedication to supporting children and the help she has given to the charity.

For more info about Step by Step, visit: [www.stepbystepkids.org.uk](http://www.stepbystepkids.org.uk)



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Harrington Hill Primary School pupils show off their Cut Films awards as overall winners; Hackney Adult Carers took the 'Popular Choice' category



# Making the cut

**A**ND the BAFTA goes to ... four Hackney students. Well, nearly.

A group of Year 3 pupils from Harrington Hill Primary School, E5, were named the overall winners of a national film competition, judged at BAFTA HQ on 4 July.

The Cut Films Awards is an annual competition in which young people across the UK are challenged to make a two-minute film, dissuading their friends from smoking. The winning film, called 'Intelligent Life' was selected from over 400 entries and tells the story of an alien coming to Earth,

**“We wanted to do something really different with our film and we had this idea about an out-of-space theme”**

only to rush back to his home planet after sampling smoking for the first time.

Young filmmaker Kirstin

Yeboah said: “We wanted to do something really different with our film and we had this idea about an



out-of-space theme.

“So we decided to show someone from a different planet learning about the what humans do.”

Naia-Eve Ajigbeda-Adei, added: “We were absolutely gobsmacked when we won. There were loads of people, so we were so shocked when our names got called.”

Each member of the winning team from Harrington Hill was presented with an iPad Mini while two other teams from Hackney also won plaudits. Hackney New School came top of the 12 to 15 years category while the ‘popular choice’ award was won by Hackney Adult Carers.

## News in brief

### Raise the volume & raise funds for chronic pain conditions

A SECRET gig, set to take place at the Round Chapel, has enlisted performances from double-platinum selling artists in order to raise awareness of chronic pain.

‘Raise the Volume’ is due to take place on 28 July. It aims to spread the word about the chronic pain conditions that disproportionately affect women, and will also raise funds for a new, charitable osteopathic clinic.

The Centre for Osteopathic Research and Excellence hopes to open a clinic at 161 Northwold Road in Clapton. It would work on a charitable model: with new graduates given expert mentoring in exchange for offering treatments at a reduced cost to those who could not afford them otherwise.

The clinic will cost £250,000 to set up. Some £200,000 of this has already been raised, and a crowdfunding campaign to find the final £50,000 will be launched at the ‘Raise the Volume’ event.

Comedienne Dana Alexander has been announced as event host, chefs from award-winning social enterprise Papi’s Pickles will be serving street food and VIP canapés, and staff from local cocktail bar The Bonneville Tavern will be mixing the drinks.

While the key music acts are veiled in mystery, they’re promised to be top notch.

Ticket prices range from £19.50 for early birds to £75 for VIP. For more info, and to book tickets, visit:

[www.raisethevolume.co.uk](http://www.raisethevolume.co.uk).

To find out more visit: [www.corecic.com](http://www.corecic.com)



The secret gig, to raise awareness and money for chronic pain, is set to take place on 28 July at the Round Chapel

## Bump Buddies looking for volunteers to offer support to pregnant women



Sign up to become a bump buddy mentor

A SHORT film featuring vulnerable new mothers and some of Britain’s top healthcare professionals has shone a light on a Hackney charity that provides a lifeline for local women.

Bump Buddies, run by the Shoreditch Trust, is a programme designed to support pregnant women

and new mothers in need of extra help. As well as providing information about the free services available to them, it runs a mentoring scheme in which volunteers are trained and then paired with pregnant women to offer further support.

The mini documentary, released by the charity, features

some of the local women it has recently helped. It also highlights some key issues that are common themes in the lives of the Bump Buddies’ service-users, such as isolation, housing or immigration issues, and difficulty engaging with professionals.

The Bump Buddies team is always looking for volunteers

to become mentors and help deliver the programme. It also provides all those who contact them with information about the specialist services they can access.

If you need support, or would like to volunteer, call Jane on: 020 7033 8524; or e-mail: [jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk)



## The Mayor and councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years. The last borough elections took place in May 2014.

Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee the Council and

its services. They hold advice surgeries where residents can meet their local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the

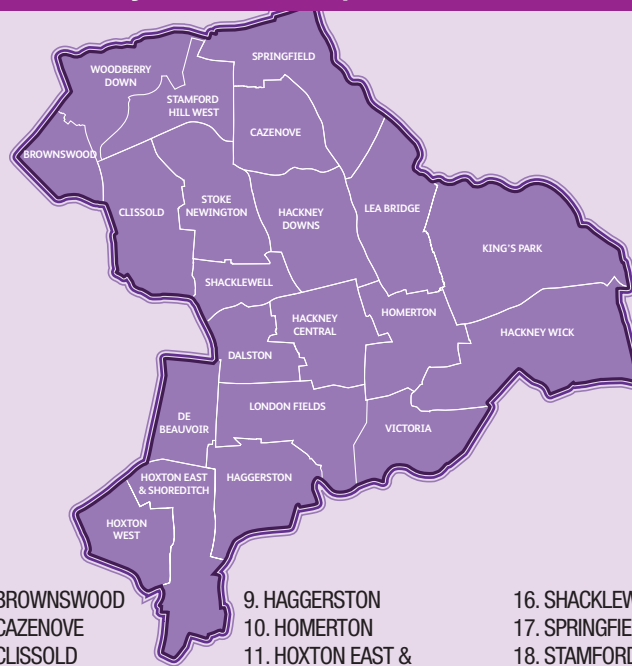
responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map below.



**MAYOR JULES PIPE**

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough. The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney who is elected annually from among the borough's 57 councillors. The current Speaker is Cllr Rosemary Sales.

## Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



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|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. BROWNWOOD       | 9. HAGERSTON                 | 16. SHACKLEWELL        |
| 2. CAZENOVE        | 10. HOMERTON                 | 17. SPRINGFIELD        |
| 3. CLISSOLD        | 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH | 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST |
| 4. DALSTON         | 12. HOXTON WEST              | 19. STOKE NEWINGTON    |
| 5. DE BEAUVOIR     | 13. KING'S PARK              | 20. VICTORIA           |
| 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL | 14. LEA BRIDGE               | 21. WOODBERRY DOWN     |
| 7. HACKNEY DOWNS   | 15. LONDON FIELDS            |                        |
| 8. HACKNEY WICK    |                              |                        |

### 1. BROWNWOOD



**Cllr Brian Bell**  
1st Thurs each month  
7-8pm, The Kings Crescent Estate Community Centre, Queens Drive, N4 2XD.



**Cllr Clare Potter**  
2nd Sat each month  
10.30-11.30am, Azalea Court Community Hall, Alexandra Mews, N4 2LB.

### 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



**Cllrs Ben Hayhurst & Vincent Stops**  
(on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Room 37a, Hackney Town Hall, E8 1EA.



3rd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Wilton Estate Community Hall, Greenwood Road, E8 1BE.

Contact these cllrs on:  
[ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk);  
[vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk)

### 2. CAZENOVE



**Cllr Dawood Akhoun**  
1st & 3rd Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.



**Cllr Abraham Jacobson**  
2nd Wed each month  
6.30-7.15pm, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.



**Cllr Ian Sharer**  
1st & 3rd Thurs each month  
10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Road, N16 6AA.

### 7. HACKNEY DOWNS



**Cllrs Michael Desmond, Anna-Joy Rickard & Sem Moema**

**Cllr Desmond**  
1st Sun each month  
11am-12noon, Luncheon Club, 19 Olympus Square, E5.



**Cllrs Rickard & Sem Moema**  
2nd Sun each month  
11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Clapton, E5 8QZ.



4th Sun each month  
Roving surgery.

### 3. CLISSOLD



**Cllrs Sophie Cameron, Ned Hercoc & Sade Etti**

1st Mon each month  
(on a rota basis)  
6.30-7.30pm, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.



3rd weekend each month  
Roving surgery. All cllrs.



Contact cllrs on: [clissold@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:clissold@hackney.gov.uk); or: 020 8356 3373.

### 8. HACKNEY WICK



**Cllrs Chris Kennedy, Jess Webb & Nick Sharman**  
(on a rota basis)

1st Sun each month  
12noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Lavington Close, Trowbridge Estate, E9.



Contact Cllr Kennedy on:  
07730 883 190.



### 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



**Cllrs Kam Adams, Feryal Demirci & Tom Ebbutt** (on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
10.30-11.30am, Shoreditch Library, 80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP.  
3rd Sat each month,  
11am-12noon, roving surgery.



### 14. LEA BRIDGE



**Cllrs Margaret Gordon, Ian Rathbone & Deniz Oguzkanli** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, St John Ambulance Hall, Mildenhall Road, E5.  
2nd Sat each month  
1.30-2.30pm, Venetia's Coffee Shop, 55 Chatsworth Road, E5 0LH.  
4th Sat each month  
10-11am, The Community Flat, Jack Watts Estate, 10 Detmold Road, E5.



Contact Cllr Rathbone on e-mail: [ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.rathbone@tiscali.co.uk); or call: 07890 654 068.

### 19. STOKE NEWINGTON



**Cllrs Susan Fajana-Thomas, Mete Coban & Patrick Moule** (on a rota basis)  
2nd Sat each month  
11-12noon, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS.  
4th Sat each month,  
Roving surgery, 11am-1pm.



### 4. DALSTON



**Cllrs Soraya Adejare & Peter Snell** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs & 3rd Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, London, E8 3BQ.



2nd Sat of each month  
3-4pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3QB.

Contact Cllr Snell on:  
07941 179 129.

### 9. HAGERSTON



**Cllrs Barry Buitekant, Jonathan McShane & Ann Munn** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6-7pm, Haggerston Community Centre, 8 Lovelace Street, E8 4FF.



3rd Fri each month  
10-11am, Fellows Court Community Centre, Weymouth Terrace, E2 8LR.



3rd Sat each month  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 33 Brougham Rd, E8 4PD.

### 12. HOXTON WEST



**Cllr Philip Glanville**  
3rd Wed each month  
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.



**Cllr Claydon McKenzie**  
2nd Tues each month  
6-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, 40 Pittfield Street, N1 6EU.



**Cllr Carole Williams**  
3rd Wed each month  
6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1 7QX.

2nd Sun every other month  
Roving surgery.

### 15. LONDON FIELDS



**Cllrs Anntoinette Bramble, M Can Ozsen & Emma Plouviez** (on a rota basis)  
1st Thurs each month  
6-7pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly Street, E8 3XW.  
3rd Sat each month  
10-11am, Regents Pensioners Hall, 30 Brougham Rd, E8.



### 20. VICTORIA



**Cllrs Will Brett, Katie Hanson & Geoff Taylor** (on a rota basis)  
1st Mon each month  
7-8pm, Pitcairn House Community Hall, St Thomas' Square, E9 6PT.



**Cllr Hanson**  
2nd Wed each month  
7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Road, E9 7JE.



**Cllr Taylor**  
3rd Wed each month  
2-3pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare Street, E8 4RT.

### 5. DE BEAUVOIR



**Cllrs Laura Bunt & James Peters** (on a rota basis)  
2nd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, café in the precinct behind the Rose Lipman Building, Trinity Court, De Beauvoir Estate (off Downham Road), N1.



Contact Cllr Peters on: [james.peters@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:james.peters@hackney.gov.uk); or via members services on: 020 8356 3373.  
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### 10. HOMERTON



**Cllrs Robert Alan Chapman, Guy Nicholson, Sally Mulready**  
1st Fri each month  
Roving surgery with all Homerton cllrs. Contact for further details.  
**Cllr Chapman**  
Call: 07821 330 532.



**Cllr Nicholson**  
3rd Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, Banister House Community Hall, Homerton High Street, E9 6BP.



**Cllr Mulready**  
Call: 07930 575 913.

### 13. KING'S PARK



**Cllrs Sharon Patrick, Tom Rahilly & Rebecca Rennison** (on a rota basis)  
1st Fri each month  
6.30-7.30pm, The Kabin, Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG.  
3rd Sat each month  
11am-12noon, Vi Forrester Hall, Gilpin Road, Clapton, E5 0LH.



### 16. SHACKLEWELL



**Cllrs Michelle Gregory & Richard Lufkin** (on a rota basis)  
1st Fri each month  
6-7pm, Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane, E8 3BQ.



Monthly roving surgeries or meetings by prior arrangement.

Contact councillors via e-mail: [michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk) & [richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk); or call members services on: 020 8356 3373.

### 21. WOODBERRY DOWN



**Cllrs Jon Burke & Caroline Selman** (on a rota basis)  
1st Sat each month  
10-11am, roving surgery.  
2nd Sat each month  
10-11am, Woodberry Down Community Organisation office, Unit 2c Rowan Apartments, Seven Sisters Road, N4 1NS.  
3rd Sun each month  
10-11am, Ben Simons Community Hall, Block 1-66, Lincoln Court, Bethune Road, N16.  
4th Thurs each month  
6.30-7.30pm, roving surgery, Amwell Court Estate, Portland Rise, N4 2NY.





1. The paddle steamer 'The Golden Eagle' on the Thames; 2. Holidays frontispiece: illustration from Kelly's street directory of Hackney in 1911, at the front of the section advertising holiday destinations; 3. A family's seaside holiday

# We do like to be beside the seaside

By Rebecca Odell

**T**HE idea of a seaside holiday started life in the 1800s, originally as a luxury only for the rich. Most of the poorer, working people living in what is now the borough of Hackney had neither the opportunity (working long hours, often six days a week), nor the money to go on holiday.

The introduction of bank holidays in 1871 however, gave many people the opportunity to take trips to the seaside for the first time. Railways offered cheap day return fares, and paddle steamers regularly left Tower Bridge full of Londoners heading to resorts at Southend, Margate and Ramsgate.

With increasing

improvements in labour conditions and pay, the annual holiday became possible for East London's working class. Seaside towns responded to the demand from these new holidaymakers, developing into resorts offering entertainment and accommodation facilities.

Many people in the Hackney visited Southend on the Essex coast, which at 40 miles away, was the nearest seaside. However this development wasn't welcomed by the locals.

A letter in the Southend Standard from 1882 said: "If East London is to be let loose and 30,000 of its number poured into Southend on the first Monday in August every year from this time forward, something must be done for the protection of property."

**"I often cried when I returned to the grey city and its dreary pall of smoke"**

The writer described these tourists as a 'plague of locusts' insisting 'I cannot find a better comparison, for wherever they go they carry destruction with them'.

It would appear tensions surrounding bank holiday revellers in Southend continued over the following decade.

Another letter in the local press in 1891 complaining about this 'unruly rabble' references the many Hackney women employed at the Bryant and May match factory. It read: "This is the only seaside resort that the poorest of our London factory hands

and match box girls can be brought to and taken home again for 1/6d."

It went on to attack the increase in licenses to sell alcohol 'which turned this flock of innocent lambs into a hoard of wild beasts'.

The annual British seaside holiday remained popular, reaching its peak between the First and Second World War. Alan Wilson, writing in his book 'Hackney Memories', describes family holidays to Southend during the 1930s.

He said: "Each August we took a holiday by the seaside, at Margate, Ramsgate, or Southend-on-Sea. On this father insisted,

although he could not often afford to be with us. He made this sacrifice so that mother and I could stretch our holiday to three weeks ... I did not record my tears on returning to Hackney. But I often cried when I returned to the grey city and its dreary pall of smoke, a depressing contrast to the lively seas and skies of the seaside'.

Before travel by aeroplane and package tours made overseas tourism more accessible in the 1960s, revisiting a favourite seaside town each year was still a commonplace family tradition. In one interview within the museum's collection, a resident remembered: "I came from quite a working class poor family ... the holiday in Brighton once every summer – the same flat where my mum went on her

honeymoon you know – that was life. The same spot on the beach! The same spot. You'd look around and you'd see the people from Evelyn Court where I lived sitting all around the beach. That's how it was, everything was pretty localised."

*'Pubs, Club and Carnivals: An exhibition about pleasure and leisure in Hackney' at Hackney Museum is now open.*

## MORE INFO

**i** Hackney Archives looks after Council administrative records and archives dating back to 1700. It also keeps records for individuals and organisations with links to Hackney. Call: 020 8356 8925; e-mail: [archives@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hackney.gov.uk); or visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/archives)



## A healthy eating programme from Shoreditch Trust

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SHOREDITCH Trust's Food For Life Programme works with members of the community to encourage affordable healthy eating, cooking skills and food knowledge. Why not try making this delicious chocolate treat at home? This recipe uses rice flour so it's suitable for those following a gluten free diet. The brownie is also a wonderful example of how to add vegetables and fibre to your diet while still enjoying a treat. Sweet potato adds natural sweetness and moisture keeping the brownies sweet and gooey. Serve the brownies with seasonal fruit, a great way to enjoy one of your five-a-day.

The Shoreditch Trust's Food for Life Team has free adult and family cooking programmes starting this summer. For more info, visit: [www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life); or e-mail: [food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk)

## Sweet potato chocolate brownie (gluten free)

Makes 10 portions

Preparation time  
15 mins

Cooking time  
20 mins

### Ingredients

- 75g cocoa powder
- 125g plain flour or rice flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder (or xanthan gum if gluten free)
- 175g sweet potato
- 250g dates
- 2 eggs
- 120g melted butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract.

make a thick paste

- Place the sweet potato puree, date paste, melted butter, eggs and vanilla extract in another bowl and blend together well
- Sift the flour, cocoa powder and baking powder, or xanthan gum, into a bowl
- Then stir in the wet ingredients. Pour mixture into a rectangular cake tin lined with baking parchment and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until set on top but gooey in the middle. Cut into ten pieces, serve with fresh fruit and enjoy.



### Method

- Preheat oven to 180C/350F/gas mark 4
- Peel, chop and boil the sweet potato for 15 mins, or until it is easy to poke with a knife (be careful not to overcook). Mash and weigh out
- Remove stones from fresh dates and blend with a splash of warm water to

### More info

To find out more about Shoreditch Trust's Food For Life programme, call: 020 7033 8529; e-mail: [food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk); or visit: [www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life](http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/Food-for-Life)

**Shoreditch Trust**

## Consultation on improvements to Seven Sisters Road published

THE Council has published a report on the first stage of consultation into potential improvements to Seven Sisters Road.

It is a busy road which cuts through Woodberry Down. The stretch in Hackney is six lanes wide, with few crossing points, and contributes to air pollution in the area. The road has also been the scene of 106 accidents in the last three years.

The Council and Berkeley Homes have been working on proposals for Woodberry Down since 2009. A 2014 masterplan for the area includes a commitment to narrow Seven Sisters Road.

This first stage of consultation, which had 1,800 responses, aimed to understand how people use the road and the improvements required. It also presented ideas on how the road could be changed and asked for preferred options. The most popular improvements called for increased pedestrian crossings and segregated cycle lanes. Over 90 per cent of respondents living within 200 metres of Seven Sisters Road (49 people) agree that improvements are needed.

The Council will now meet with Berkeley Homes and Transport for London to develop a design for

Seven Sisters Road. It will run workshops with Woodberry Down Community Organisation to set out the results of the consultation and get residents' input on the design as it develops.

The Council will also engage with ward members and the wider Stamford Hill community around the emerging scheme and provide an explanation of its likely impacts and benefits. Consultation on a proposed design will take place early next year.

For more info, visit: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/ssrconsultation](http://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/streetscene/ssrconsultation)

### Meetings

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JULY

18	Cabinet	6pm
19	Licensing sub committee	2pm
20	Council	7pm
21	Standards committee	6.30pm
21	Licensing sub committee	7pm
21	Lea Bridge ward forum	8pm
25	Inner North East London joint health overview and scrutiny committee	7pm

26	Licensing sub committee	7pm
26	Hackney Downs ward forum	7pm
27	Planning sub committee	6.30pm
28	Licensing sub committee	2pm

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS IN AUGUST

2	Licensing sub committee	2pm
11	Licensing sub committee	2pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/council-democracy.htm)

#### TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

##### IN JULY

18	Colville Estate TRA	7pm
23	Landfield Estate TRA	7pm
25	Keir Hardie Estate TRA	7pm
25	Trelawney Estate TRA	7pm

26	Welshpool House TRA	7.30pm
27	Hobbs Place TRA	6.30pm
28	Warburton & Darcy TRA	7pm

##### IN AUGUST

3	The Beckers Estate TRA	7pm
10	Banister House TRA	7pm

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LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: PROPOSED AND MADE NOTICES  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1) AND 16A: NOTICES OF PROPOSED AND MADE ORDERS  
WE, THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY, GIVE NOTICE THAT WE INTEND TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS IN THE FIRST PART OF THE TABLE BELOW, AND HAVE MADE THE ORDERS IN THE SECOND PART OF THE TABLE, IN EACH CASE FOR THE REASONS AND DURATION DATES STATED AND WITH ALTERNATIVE DIVERSION ROUTES AVAILABLE

ANDY CUNNINGHAM, HEAD OF STREETSCENE, 18 JULY 2016

PROPOSED RESTRICTION (PROPOSED NOTICE)

REF NO.	ROAD NAME	RESTRICTION	REASON	LOCATION	DIVERSION ROUTE	WORK START DATE	WORK END DATE
P2103	Balcorne Street E9	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Vodafone Works	(1). From its junction with Holcroft Road in a south westerly & north easterly direction for a distance of 32 metres (2). From its junction with Lauriston Road to its junction with Holcroft Road	Via local signage	17-Aug-16	17-Aug-16
P2110	Bridport Place N1	Footway Closure	Building Works	North east side, From its junction with Penn Street in a south easterly direction for a distance of 45 metres	Opposite side of Footway	08-Aug-16	16-Dec-16
P2098	Grandsen Avenue E8	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	From its junction with London Lane in a southern direction for a distance of 30 metres	Via local signage	10-Aug-16	11-Aug-16
P2103-1	Holcroft Road E9	Introduction of Two way Traffic	Vodafone Works	From its junction with Balcorne Street to its junction with Well Street	Via local signage	17-Aug-16	17-Aug-16
P2084	Mildenhall Road E5	Waiting & Loading Restriction	Gas Works	(1).North west, From a point in line with the property boundary no 33 & 35 to property boundary no 41 & 43 (2).South east, From a point in line with the property boundary no 34 & 36 to property boundary no 44 & 46	Not Required	08-Aug-16	12-Aug-16
P2105	Olinda Road N16	Road Closure & Waiting restriction	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From a point in line with the western property boundary no 1 to property boundary no 9 & 11	Via local signage	17-Aug-16	19-Aug-16

CONFIRMED RESTRICTION (MADE NOTICE)

P2093	Andre Street E8	Road Closure	BT Works	Between points 63 metres and 102 metres south east of its junction with Anton Street	Via local signage	18-Jul-16	19-Jul-16
P2092	Audrey Street E2	Road Closure	Gas Works	From a point in line with the property boundary no 9 & 8 to its entire length	Via local signage	30-Jul-16	31-Jul-16
P1802-1	Charlotte Road EC2A	Footway Closure	Building Works	South west side, From a point in line with the property boundary no 23 & 24 to property boundary no 30 & 31	Opposite side of Footway	27-Jul-16	26-Jan-17
P2102	Durlston Road E5	Road Closure & Waiting restriction	Thames Water Works	Both sides, From a point in line with the property boundary no 35 & 37 to property boundary no 41 & 43	Via local signage	01-Aug-16	05-Aug-16
P2071	Dynevor Road N16	Road Closure & Temporary Suspension of No Entry	Gas Works	(1). From its junction with Nevill Road to north easterly direction for a distance of 40 metres (2). From its junction with Stoke Newington High street to south westerly direction for a distance of 60 metres (3) At its junction with Stoke Newington High street	Via local signage	25-Jul-16	25-Jan-17
P2094	Gunton Road E5	Waiting & Loading Restriction	Gas Works	Both sides, From a point in line with the property boundary no 13 & 15 to property boundary no 23 & 25	Not Required	25-Jul-16	29-Jul-16
P2096	Lampard Grove N16	Road Closure	Carriageway Resurfacing Works	From its junction with Stamford Hill to its junction with Margaret Road	Via local signage	25-Jul-16	25-Jul-16
P2088	Manor Road N16	Waiting & Loading Restriction	Installation of Traffic Detection	Both sides, From a point in line with the property boundary no 105 & 107 to property boundary no 115 & 117	Not Required	18-Jul-16	18-Jul-16
P2101	Middleton Road E8	Road Closure	Thames Water Works	Wesbound direction, From its junction with Kingsland Road to its junction with Haggerston Road	Via local signage	25-Jul-16	29-Jul-16
P2100	New North Road N1	Left Turn Banned	BT Works	At its junction with East Road	Via local signage	25-Jul-16	05-Aug-16
P2104	Rosina Street E9	Road & Footway Closures	Crane Operation	From its junction with Homerton High Street to its entire length	Via local signage	18-Jul-16	19-Jul-16
P2045	Rossendale Street E5	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Installation of Duct	From its junction with Northwold Road to its junction with Rossington Street	Via local signage	25-Jul-16	27-Jul-16
P2099	Scrutton Street EC2A	Road Closure & Introduction of Two way Traffic	Crane Operation	(1). From its junction with Curtain Road in a south westerly direction for a distance of 45 metres (2). From its junction with Curtain Road to its junction with New North Place	Via local signage	23-Jul-16	04-Sep-16

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## LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

**THE HACKNEY (WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.\*) ORDER 201\*****THE HACKNEY (PARKING PLACES) (MAP BASED) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.\*) ORDER 201\* TT1162**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hackney proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders will be to introduce cycle parking in the form of cycle hangers in the following locations
  - a) Downs Road in front of No 81 replacing a controlled parking bay
  - b) Reighton Road in front of No 86 where there is currently unrestricted parking
  - c) Evering Road in front of No 49 replacing a controlled parking bay
  - d) Gore Road opposite No 103 Gore Road replacing double yellow lines and to the side of No 24 replacing a controlled parking bay.
3. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date, on which this notice is published, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained at [www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk](http://www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk), or by contacting Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.
4. Any objections or other representations about either of the Orders should be sent in writing to the Head of Streetscene at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

## THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)****THE HACKNEY (CURTAIN ROAD) (STOPPING UP) ORDER 2016 TT1074**

NOTICE is hereby given that The London Borough of Hackney (“the Council”) on 15th July 2016 made an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to stop up the highway described in the Schedule 1 of this notice hereto.

The title of the Order is The Hackney (Curtain Road) (Stopping Up) Order 2016 and shall come into force on 25th July 2016.

A copy of the Order and the accompanying plan showing the length and area of highway being stopped up can be viewed between 9am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, in the reception area, London Borough of Hackney, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street London, E8 1DY. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Helpdesk on 020 8356 8991.

Dated this 18th day of July 2016, Kim Wright.

Group Director (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

## AREAS OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY TO BE STOPPED UP

In relation to the development at 20-22 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NF; Curtain Road – outside numbers 20-22 approximately 1.2m in width and 15m in length.

Unless otherwise stated all traffic notices are as follows: Dated this day 18 July 2016

Andrew Cunningham, Head of Streetscene – Public Realm (The officer appointed for this purpose)



## PLANNING

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY NOTICE UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND RELATED ORDERS****E1**

**0/S Shoreditch High Street and Corner of Worship Street London E1 6PJ** Prior Approval for Siting and Appearance: Installation of telephone kiosk on north side of Worship Street near junction with Shoreditch High Street. [Note for consultation: proposal is for relocation of existing kiosk on Shoreditch High Street] 2016/2387 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**E2**

**5 Printing House Yard Hackney LONDON E2 7PR** Installation of externally fascia sign and a projecting hanging sign at ground floor level. 2016/1973 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**5 Printing House Yard Hackney LONDON E2 7PR** Replacement of shop front 2016/1954 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**99-101 Kingsland Road LONDON E2 8AG** Basement and ground floor extension to accommodate B1 office space. 2016/2356 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**95 Hackney Road London E2 8ET** Advertisement Consent: Display of non-illuminated projecting sign at fascia level. 2016/2479 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**287 Hackney Road London E2 8NA** Change of use of first and second floor from retail (use class A1) to residential (use class C3) and associated works to the front and rear elevations to create 1 x 1 bedroom self-contained residential dwelling. 2016/2520 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**E5**

**160 Evering Road Hackney LONDON E5 8AH** Variation of condition 3 (Lifetime Homes) of planning permission 2015/1118 granted on 18/06/2015 for the “Erection of 2 rear dormers and 2 front rooflights, excavation to increase basement floor space, insertion of front and rear lightwells, demolition of existing part single part 2-storey rear projection and garages and erection of 2-storey rear extension, in association with conversion of single family dwellinghouse into 6 self-contained flats; 1 x one-bed, 2 x two-bed, 3 x three-bed”. 2016/1514 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**46 Reighton Road London E5 8SG** Excavation of basement with rear lightwell, erection of two rear dormer windows and two front rooflights, erection of single storey rear extension to facilitate the conversion of a single family dwelling into three residential units. For the purposes of consultation only: The proposed housing mix is 1x1bed, 1x2bed and 1x3bed). 2016/2328 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**E8**

**26 Horton Road LONDON E8 1DP** Removal and replacement of existing rear pitch roof with a flat roof. 2016/2419 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**111 Dalston Lane LONDON E8 1NH** Variation of condition 7 of planning permission TP/80944/CPK granted on 22 December 1988 to operate between 07:00 hours and 18:00 hours Monday to Saturday. 2016/2350 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**10-12 Arcola Street, London E8 2DJ** Erection of roof extension at third floor level, involving altering hipped roof form to contemporary roof form with additional height; associated raising of parapets; establishment of additional 2-bed flat 2016/1513 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**41 Kingsland High Street London E8 2JS** Demolition of existing buildings to the rear of 41 Kingsland High Street; erection of part four storey, part five storey and part six storey building comprising 7No. apartments (including single storey extension at first floor level above existing building); erection of part single storey, part two storey, part three storey, part four storey building comprising 3No. mews houses; erection of first, second, and third floor side and rear extensions to

existing building (41 Kingsland High Street) and conversion of upper floors (above ground level) to provide 3No. self-contained apartments; alterations to Kingsland High Street shop façade; alterations to existing rear access arrangements; and introduction of landscaping to common areas including raised courtyard areas. For the purposes of consultation only the proposed accommodation comprises the following: Apartment building: 2No. one bed units, 4No. two bed units and 1No. three bed; Mews building: 2No. three bed and 1No. four bed; and Conversion and extension of existing building: 1No. studio and 2No. one bed. (associated application for listed building consent: 2016/2017) 2016/2002 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**41 Kingsland High Street London E8 2JS** An application for listed building consent for the demolition of existing buildings to the rear of 41 Kingsland High Street; erection of part four storey, part five storey and part six storey building comprising 7No. apartments (including single storey extension at first floor level above existing building); erection of part single storey, part two storey, part three storey, part four storey building comprising 3No. mews houses; erection of first, second, and third floor side and rear extensions to existing building (41 Kingsland High Street) and conversion of upper floors (above ground level) to provide 3No. self-contained apartments; alterations to Kingsland High Street shop façade; alterations to existing rear access arrangements; and introduction of landscaping to common areas including raised courtyard areas. For the purposes of consultation only the proposed accommodation comprises the following: Apartment building: 2No. one bed units, 4No. two bed units and 1No. three bed; Mews building: 2No. three bed and 1No. four bed; and Conversion and extension of existing building: 1No. studio and 2No. one bed. (associated application for planning permission: 2016/2002) 2016/2017 Listed Building

**Flat C 41 Parkholme Road Hackney LONDON E8 3AG** Replacement of existing single glazed timber framed windows with double glazed timber framed windows and installation of bathroom vent. 2016/2124 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**49A Parkholme Road, London E8 3AQ** Conversion of existing 4-bed dwellinghouse into two 3-bed flats; excavation to create lower ground floor level partially below ground; erection of single-storey side (north) extension at lower ground floor level; establishment of terraces to sides (north and south) at upper ground floor level with surrounding walls /screening; associated alterations to front and side elevations, including windows and doors to front and side and recessed patios to front; raising height of front elevation onto accessway; erection of two replacement rooflight lanterns at greater height and of greater width with clerestory windows 2016/2323 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**84 Mapledene Road LONDON E8 3JW** Erection of a side dormer roof extension 2016/2443 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**300 Queensbridge Road Hackney LONDON E8 3NH** Demolition of the existing single storey rear addition and erection of full -width ground floor rear extension measuring 7.5m deep including erection of half-width first floor rear extension; Installation of new rear windows at first, second and third floor levels. Replacement of window in East second floor room. Installation of new loft stair. Erection of a dormer to the East roof slope. Replacement of roof structure and covering. 2016/1865 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and affects Setting of a Listed Building

**300 Queensbridge Road Hackney LONDON E8 3NH** Demolition of the existing single storey rear addition and erection of full -width ground floor rear extension measuring 7.5m deep including erection of half-width first floor rear extension; Installation of new rear windows at first, second and third floor levels. Replacement of window in East second floor room. Installation of new loft stair. Erection of a dormer to the East roof slope. Replacement of roof structure and covering. 2016/1875 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**123 Richmond Road LONDON E8 3NJ** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 2012/1332 granted 20/07/2015 to allow amendments to the appearance of the approved roof extension. 2016/2446 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Mare Street Studios 203-213 Mare Street LONDON E8 3QE** Retention and erection to the existing building fronting Mare Street to comprise a total of five storeys and demolition of x 2 two storey buildings to the rear of the site and erection of extensions ranging from three to four storeys in height (plus plant) comprising commercial floorspace (Use Class B1), flexible employment/community floorspace (Use Class B1/D1) and A3 floorspace (Restaurants and Cafes) together with cycle storage, plant and landscaping. 2016/2413 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Former Kingsland Fire Station 333 Kingsland Road Hackney LONDON E8 4DR** Erection of part 2, part 3 storey and an 11 storey (above basement) buildings comprising a primary school (D1) for up to 350 pupils, 68 dwellings (34x1bed, 31x2bed and 3x3bed units) and 298m2 of retail/financial services/cafe & restaurant (A1/A2/A3), with associated facilities and landscaping, following demolition of existing buildings. 2016/2207 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Major Development

**101 Lansdowne Drive LONDON E8 4NF** Erection of two rear

roof dormer window extensions 2016/2351 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Kelton House 89-115 Mare Street London E8 4RU**

Installation of telecommunication equipment on the rooftop of Kelton House, comprising a 5m stub mast on the plant room roof, accommodating 12 Antennas and 4 dishes; installation of 5 cabinets and ancillary equipment's on the main roof level adjacent to the plant room. 2016/1749 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Kelton House 89-115 Mare Street London E8 4RU**

Installation of telecommunication equipment on the rooftop of Kelton House, comprising a 5m stub mast on the plant room roof, accommodating 12 Antennas and 4 dishes; installation of 5 cabinets and ancillary equipment's on the main roof level adjacent to the plant room. 2016/1749 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**E9**

**44 Cassland Road Hackney LONDON E9 7AN**

Re-landscaping of rear garden, including changes to levels, provision of new timber decking, steps and re -building of retaining wall. [Listed Building Consent application 2016/2069 also received] 2016/2071 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**44 Cassland Road Hackney LONDON E9 7AN** Listed Building Consent: Re-landscaping of rear garden, including changes to levels, provision of new timber decking, steps and re-building of retaining wall. [Planning permission application 2016/2071 also received] 2016/2069 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area and Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**41 Groombridge Road Hackney LONDON E9 7DP** Erection of a side/rear infill extension a lower ground plus loft conversion with rear dormer, external alterations, including installation of a front lightwell, excavation to basement, changes of all existing UPVC windows and installation of side windows as well as three conservation style double glazed rooflights. 2016/2257 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**13 Southborough Road London E9 7EF** Conversion of existing two flats into a single family 5 bedroom house including alterations to the fenestration to the rear of the property, installation of 2 front roof lights and replacement of existing front brick fence with wrought iron railings 2016/2159 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**N1**

**9 Ufton Grove Hackney LONDON N1 4HG** Erection of a single storey ground floor rear extension 2016/2324 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**7A Ardleigh Road LONDON N1 4HS** Erection of front porch extension in order to facilitate the creation of a WC and storage area. 2016/2074 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**121 Culford Road Hackney LONDON N1 4HT** Erection of a single storey rear extension at first floor level 2016/2343 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**121 Culford Road Hackney LONDON N1 4HT** Erection of a mansard style roof extension 2016/2346 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**107A Mortimer Road Hackney LONDON N1 4LB** Erection of two storey side extension 2016/2470 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**54C Downham Road Hackney LONDON N1 5AS** Discharge of conditions 4(materials), 5 (windows and doors) and 6 (dustbin recycling enclosures) attached to planning permission ref;2016/0882 dated 18/05/2016 2016/2347 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat 1, 50 De Beauvoir Road London N1 5AT** Erection of a single storey rear extension at ground floor. 2016/1994 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Metropolitan Business Centre Enfield Road LONDON N1 5AZ** Prior Approval for Siting and Appearance: replacement of existing flagpole antenna with upgraded trisector antenna and replacement equipment cabinet on roof of building. [Note for consultation, antenna would be a maximum of 29.8m above ground level] 2016/2128 Affects Setting of a Conservation Area

**9 Enfield Road LONDON N1 5EN** Change of use of part car park and erection of single storey extension to form B1 office and external alterations 2016/1456 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**204 Hoxton Street LONDON N1 5LH** Recladding and remodelling of existing building and erection of three -storey front extension at corner of Hoxton Street and Nuttall Street, erection of single-storey extension at roof level over northern part of building; change of use to create a flexible retail / restaurant use (Use Classes A1 / A3) at ground floor level with office use (Use Class B1) on first floor; conversion of upper floors to provide nine self-contained residential units. [Note for consultation; dwelling mix would be 1 x 1-bed; 4 x 2-bed; 3 x 3-bed and 1 x 4-bed.] 2016/1607 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**The Eagle 2 Shepherdess Walk Hackney LONDON N1 7LB**

Installation of two fascia signs and one hanging illuminated sign at ground and first floor level. 2016/2352 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**41 Wenlock Road Hackney LONDON N1 7SG** Removal of railings along a section of the canal and replacement with





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**Waterside 44-48 Wharf Road London N1 7UX** Repainting of windows, doors ironmongery and gates on the external elevations of the buildings 2016/2355 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

**Unit 29 Waterside 44-48 Wharf Road LONDON N1 7UX** Installation of an air source heat pump 2016/2401 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

## N16

**70-72 Cazenove Road Hackney LONDON N16 6AA** Variation of condition 2 (temporary period of use) attached to planning permission ref 2014/1754 dated 12/11/2014 for the use of 70-72 Cazenove Road as a school for 180 pupils (use in association with 66-68 Cazenove Road with both sites accommodating 270 pupils). The variation would allow a further temporary period for the use, terminating on or before 31/08/2019. 2016/2430 Affects Setting of a Conservation Area

**52 Cazenove Road Hackney LONDON N16 6BJ** Conversion of property into 2 x self-contained flats (comprising 1 x 1-bed flat at basement and 1 x family-sized unit on the ground and upper floors), including excavation to include the provision of front and rear front and rear lightwell, rear extension at first and second floors, new windows and external steps. 2016/1582 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

**Flat D 115 Evering Road Hackney LONDON N16 7SL** Erection of a rear roof extension and insertion of three roof lights to front roof slope. 2016/2298 Affects Setting of a Conservation Area

**Stoke Newington School Clissold Road London N16 9EX** Replacement of existing artificial grass sports pitch surface and perimeter hard surfacing including pedestrian and vehicular access areas; erection of replacement 3.7m ball stop netting to perimeter and 1.2m pitch perimeter barrier; erection of replacement floodlighting system comprising 8No. 10m floodlight standards each with 1No. Luminaire. 2016/0750 Affects Setting of a Listed Building

London Borough of Hackney Notice under the Town and Country Planning Acts and Related Orders The Applications can be inspected between 9am and 5pm at 1 Hillman Street London, E8 1DY. They can also be viewed on the following website: [www.hackney.gov.uk/planning](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/planning). Representations should

be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager, 2 Hillman Street, London, E8 1 FB. All representations will be acknowledged in writing. Ian Rae, Head of Development Management, 18 July 2016



## LICENSING

Notice is given that **FLUID MOVEMENT LIMITED** applied to HACKNEY COUNCIL to vary the premises licence at: Note 2 9 CHRISTOPHER STREET, LONDON, EC2A 2BS

In order to make the following variation to the licence:

ON & OFF LICENSE // TO GAIN AN OFF AND ON LICENSE TO ENABLE US TO RETAIL ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISE.

VARIATION OF OPENING HOURS AS DETAILED BELOW.

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FRIDAY | 10.00 - 02.00

SATURDAY | 10.00 - 02.00

SUNDAY | 10.30 - 22.30

The licence register listing details of the variation is held at the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY (Tel No. 020 8356 4970). Details are also available on-line at [www.hackney.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/licensing)

Any representations against this application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address, by no later than the 3RD AUGUST 2016

Application to vary a premises licence : Local Newspaper Notice/011209 Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises, or their representatives, may make representations on licensing objectives grounds only, i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant. It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.

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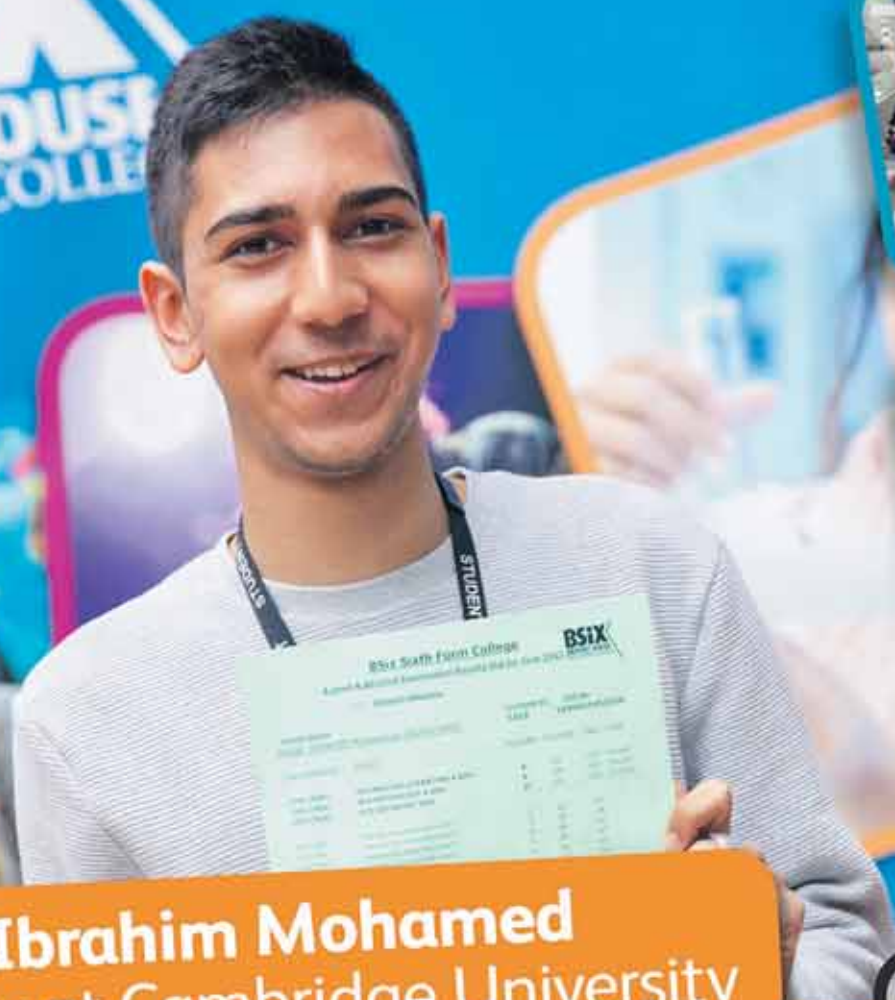
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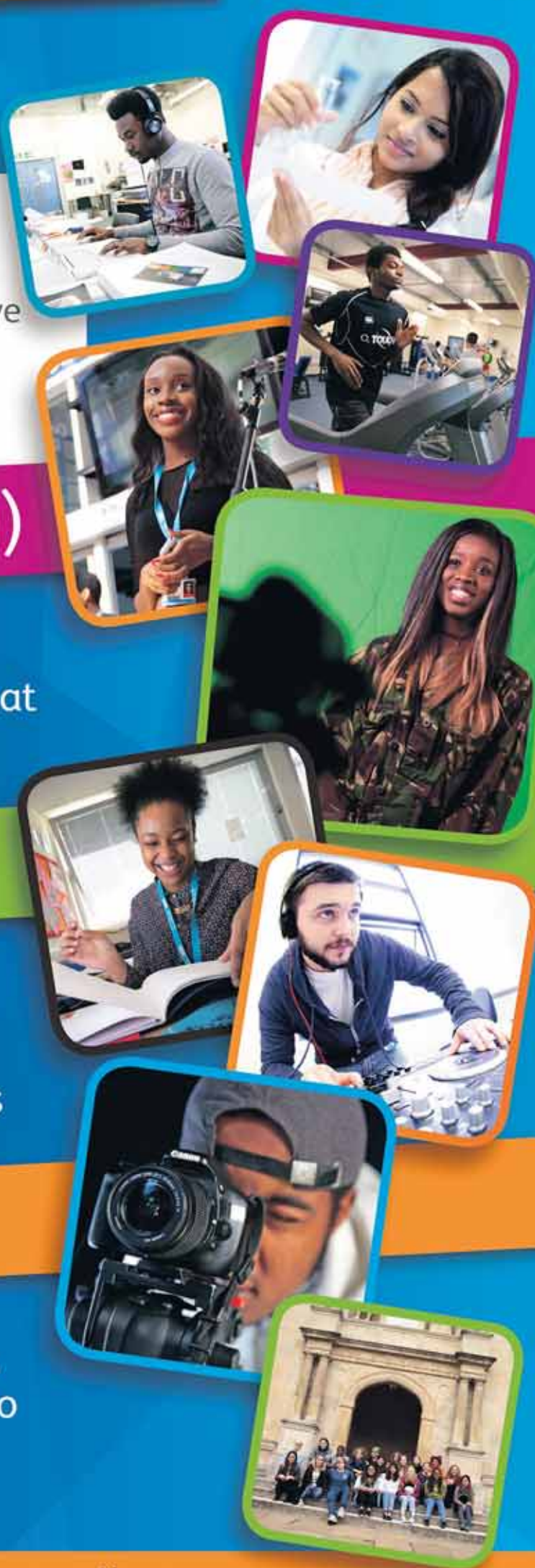
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Clapton resident  
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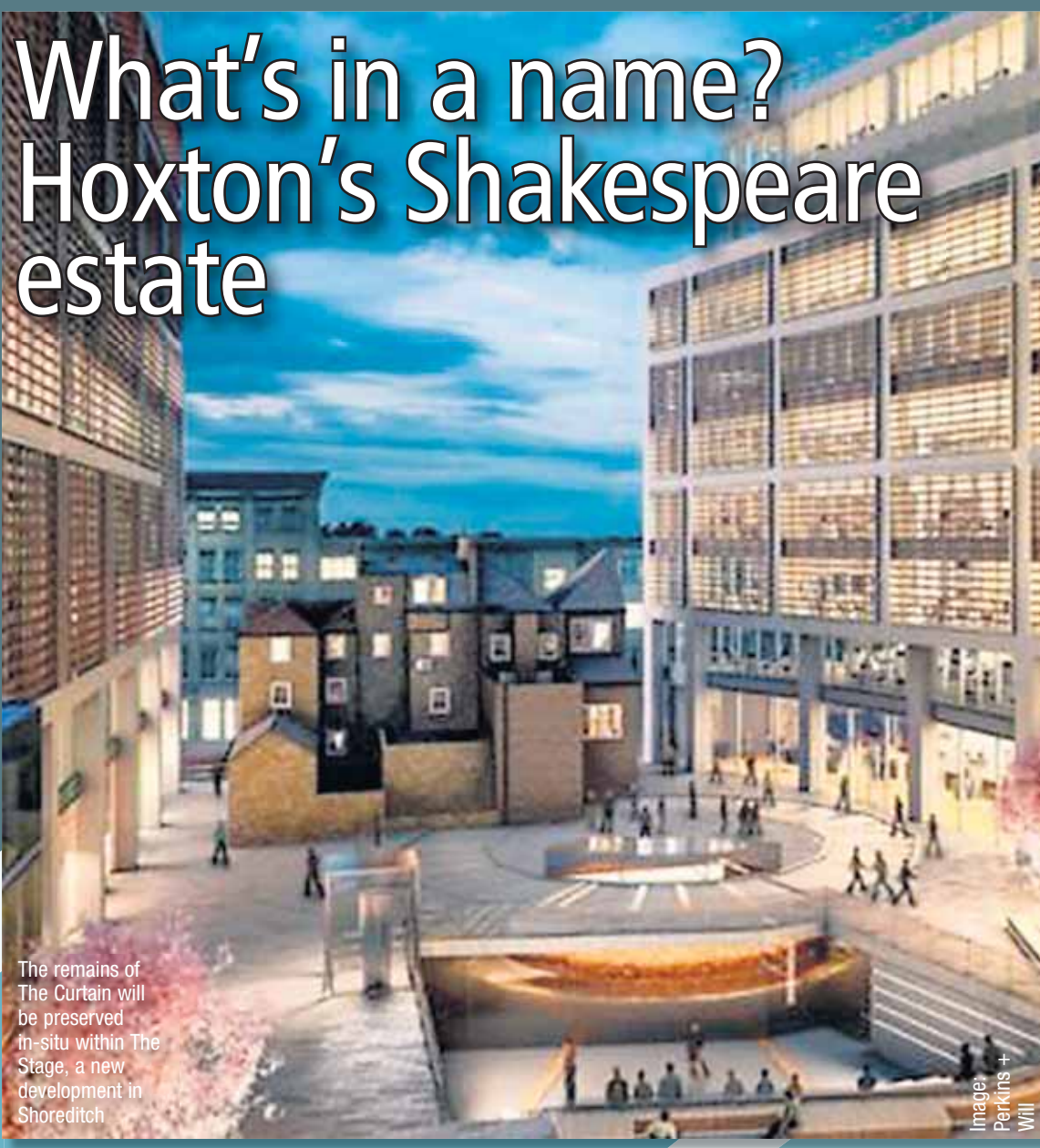


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## What's in a name? Hoxton's Shakespeare estate



The remains of  
The Curtain will  
be preserved  
in-situ within The  
Stage, a new  
development in  
Shoreditch

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## Hundreds of new homes to be built on underused land

**A**N INNOVATIVE programme to build hundreds of new homes on underused Council land to help tackle the capital's housing crisis has been launched by Hackney.

The project will see areas like Council depots and empty garages on estates across the borough transformed into around 400 modern, high-quality homes, with 70 per cent for social rent and shared ownership.

Under the Housing Supply Programme, the 11 sites set for redevelopment won't see any existing homes demolished or loss of green space or playgrounds, with the focus on making the most of underused areas on some of our estates.

Current residents on these estates will get the first option to move into the new homes through a dedicated local lettings policy, while the programme will aim to recruit residents for at least a quarter of construction jobs on these sites, including through apprenticeships.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "We're determined to do all we can to build the homes that the borough needs and help more families find a genuinely affordable place to live. "We're already building thousands of new homes across Hackney, including council homes, but we know we can do even more to help meet demand by making the

most of underused Council land for small developments that can make a big difference.

"And crucially, we'll ensure local people are first in the queue for these new Council homes and the jobs that come with them.

"We don't get any government funding to build new homes, but we'll continue to use innovative approaches like this to fund new developments ourselves.

"I want to be clear that Hackney is committed to council housing, now and in the future."

The Council has written to residents near any proposed development to outline plans, with work set to start next year on some sites, subject to planning permission.

Any affected registered car parking spaces will be re-provided as close to the new developments as possible. Licensed garage users who could be affected will be contacted individually to discuss alternative locations for storage.

The ambitious programme will run hand-in-hand with the Council's existing estate regeneration work to replace ageing, low-density council homes and build nearly 3,000 new spacious homes for social rent and shared ownership, with outright sale to help pay for them in the absence of government funding.



RESIDENTS of an estate, which is named almost exclusively after Shakespeare characters, will team-up with a gallery and local young people to re-establish the Bard's

links to the community, 400 years after the playwright's death. Quotes from one of Shakespeare's best-known works, 'The Tempest', will enliven a wall on the Arden estate,

Hoxton, in a cultural collaboration that marks the special relationship between the estate and Britain's greatest writer. Shakespeare lived in Hoxton during Elizabethan times. He wrote for

and performed at The Curtain and The Theatre playhouses, in Shoreditch. The foundations of the latter have this year been preserved at a new development on the site. **For more info, see p4-5.**



# Working for better homes



George McGee (centre) with Cllr Phillip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney (left), and outgoing Mayor Jules Pipe (right) at the regeneration of the former Tower Court estate, Clapton

## Hackney's top handy man

**RETIRED painter and decorator George McGee is a handy man to have around the borough. For the past 20 years, he has been scouting out what needs mending on estates, lobbying councillors, and working closely with the Council to help make homes better and communities stronger.**

The 70-year-old lives with his wife Mavis in Landfield estate, Clapton. It's been his home, and also where he raised two daughters since moving to Hackney from Cork in the 1950s, and it's where he has always played an active role in the community.

As Chair of the Landfield Tenant and Residents Association (TRA) and Vice-Chair of the Clapton

Neighbourhood Panel, he gives a voice to local people, with his suggestions to the Council often leading to direct improvements to the area.

"My favourite thing about living in Hackney is the community," says George, who organises events to help neighbours get to know each other. Adding: "It has changed a lot, but there are always people who want to help out and get involved."

"Building on the strength of the community in Hackney over the years has helped to cut down on antisocial behaviour, bring people together to work towards better homes, and make the area a better place to live."

This year, George received an Active Residents' Award

**“Building on the strength of the community in Hackney over the years has helped to cut down on antisocial behaviour”**

from the Council's housing service for his long service to the community, with the accolade honouring his part in making positive changes to the place he lives in, and helping ensure everyone resides in a decent home.

'Making things better' is George's mantra, from simple things, like reporting fly-tipping and estate repairs, to working on big projects with the Council that affect all Hackney residents, such as helping pick the best contractors who will do some

of the biggest building works in the borough.

One of George's proudest achievements was leading a group of residents tasked with helping the Council regenerate six estates. As Chair of the steering group, he ensured residents got to meet the architects, and his local knowledge helped influence the design and layout of the new homes and blocks.

"I was concerned about the safety of the children playing out on the estates," George

explains, adding: "When talking to the architects, I made sure the play areas were safe and away from dangers, such as busy roads."

Not only is George involved with improving the practical side of living in Hackney, he also helps bring the community together; be it organising trips to Legoland for younger residents or Southend for the more mature.

George also helps manage the Evering Road play group, in Landfield estate community hall, a group that he makes sure employs local people, offers affordable prices and is a space for local parents to meet.

Faisal Pirbhai, Resident Participation and Communities Manager, said:

"George is a great advocate for local people and has enabled residents from all walks of life to get their voices heard."

"His dedication, drive and community spirit is the reason he has been so successful over the years in bringing change that has made a difference to the lives of so many."

Have you been inspired to get involved with your local community? There are many ways to get involved, from joining a local Tenant and Resident Association, to volunteering for a local park.

### MORE INFO

For more info on how to get involved, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/get-involved](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/get-involved)





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A young Colville estate resident enjoys the Big Lunch, and explores a possible future in the building trade

## The Big Lunch

RESIDENTS on a Shoreditch estate braved the English weather for a day of food, fun and family entertainment to mark the latest stage of major Council regeneration work to build hundreds of new homes.

Dozens of people living on the Colville estate came together in Shoreditch Park last month as part of developer Anthology's Big Lunch event, which aimed to give neighbours the opportunity to meet each other.

The next phase of development, which started this month, will see 70 new homes for social rent and six for shared ownership, with construction on nearly 200 homes for outright sale to help pay for them, due to start later this year.

The project is part of the Council's borough-wide estate regeneration programme, which will create nearly 3,000 new homes to help meet demand and give more families a modern place to live.

## News in brief

### Suffolk estate TMO first in borough to get accreditation

A GROUP of Hackney tenants are flying high after being awarded national recognition for their work running the estate they live on.

The Suffolk estate Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) has become the first in the borough to achieve a Kite Mark accreditation, celebrating good practice across all areas of TMO governance, including committee work, accountability to tenants, and community spirit.

Drafting policy, organising resident fun days and planting a wildflower meadow are just some of the work they have carried out over the past year to ensure their estate is run the best it can be.

Clare Moloney, committee member and estate resident said: "The assessment process is intense and rigorous, but provides a great vehicle for understanding what we do well and identifying areas for improvement."

The award ceremony took place on 18 June, held by the NFTMO, a national body that supports TMOs and recognises their achievements.

To find out more about the Suffolk estate TMO, visit: [suffolktmo.org](http://suffolktmo.org)



### Give your opinion on local topics and earn rewards

TENANTS and leaseholders are being encouraged to join an online community that will allow them to earn rewards for giving their opinions on a range of topics. The Hackney Matters Panel, made up of 1,700 residents, regularly completes surveys about Council services and future plans for parks, education and public health services, via a dedicated website.

The surveys are completed in members' own time, although they will occasionally be invited to focus groups and events.

Members are rewarded by being entered into free prize draws. They can also earn Betterpoints, which can be redeemed for high street vouchers, or donated to charity.

Interested? Join at: [www.hackneymatters.org](http://www.hackneymatters.org)



## New ways of tackling dumping on estates to improve look and feel

**IMPROVEMENTS to the way fly-tipping is tackled on estates has been introduced by the Council in a bid to improve the look and feel of communal areas for residents.**

Bulky waste that has been discarded on estates, such as furniture and old electrical items, will now be logged and monitored in more detail, to help identify offenders and take action against them.

Inspections and collections have now begun to take place at weekends, in addition to an increased weekday service, in order to target the days when dumpers are most active. Larger vehicles and smarter

**“Bulky waste has been a problem for years, and we are determined to crack it**

ways of working means clearance and removal is getting quicker and better.

The changes are part of the Council's aim to create a cleaner, more pleasant outdoor environment around blocks and estates through integrating the external cleaning service, which is responsible for communal outdoor areas, with Hackney's street cleaning service.

As part of this new integrated service, which will be introduced gradually over the coming months, weeds on estates

have also been targeted and treated and, once they have died off, they will be removed by cleaners.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "One of the key areas we want to improve is the look and feel of our blocks and estates so residents can feel even prouder to call them home.

"Bulky waste, which you can arrange through us to remove for free, has been a problem on estates for years.

We're determined to crack it and target

those few who are making communal areas unpleasant for everyone."

Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability, added: "This improved removal service forms part of a programme of change to bring our housing environment up to the same standard as street cleanliness."

The Council offers each household four free annual collections of large items like mattresses, fridges and furniture.

### MORE INFO

Book online at: [www.hackney.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/bulkywaste); or call: 020 8356 6688. The Council should collect within 48 hours



# Working for better homes



## The Hoxton estate named after some of Shakespeare's greatest characters

Not a lot of people knew the buildings were named after Shakespeare characters



Arden TMO Chair, Bridget Menton



**WHAT'S in a name?** Juliet famously asked Romeo, in arguably Shakespeare's most famous play. Well, quite a lot actually if you're a resident on the Arden estate, in Hoxton.

The 750-household tenant managed organisation (TMO) complex, built mainly in the 1950s, spans Shoreditch Park in the west to Hoxton Market in the east, and the blocks are almost exclusively named after some of the Bard's most famous characters.

Caliban Tower looms large alongside Oberon, Rosalind, Falstaff, Macbeth and Juliet houses – among others – recalling some of Shakespeare's most well-known figures from 'A Midsummer Night's

Dream', 'As You Like It', 'The Tempest', 'King Lear', 'The Taming of the Shrew', and more.

But why? It is little-known that the area is inextricably bound to the nation's favourite playwright; Shakespeare lived in Hoxton, which, during Elizabethan times and much like now, was a hub of leisure, creativity and entertainment, where he performed as an actor and wrote some of his most iconic plays.

He wanted to be close to Shoreditch, home to the country's first two purpose-built playhouses, The Theatre and The Curtain, both in what is now Curtain Road. The former hosted at least three Shakespeare premieres, including 'Romeo and

**The mural is about nurturing local links with the community and getting them involved with the history of the estate**

Juliet' in the 1590s, while the foundations of the latter were unearthed in May by

archaeologists, along with stage props, including a bird whistle and tokens.



A new housing development, referentially named The Stage, will be built on The Curtain site. However, the remains of the theatre will be preserved, protected and displayed in-situ for the public.

In May, 400 years after Shakespeare's death, the Council joined forces with Shakespeare in Shoreditch to host interpretations of the Bard's best-known work, including more than 1,000 associated plays at local venues over 10 days, courtesy of company Rude Mechanicals; and free film screenings were aired in Hackney's public squares thanks to The Lost Picture Show. All of this had a shared goal: to help introduce Shakespeare's work to the

local community.

And it's worked. Arden TMO Chair, Bridget Menton, who has lived on the estate for 40 years, saw one of the performances in Arden's community centre.

She said: "Not a lot of people knew the buildings were named after Shakespeare characters, even people here 50-odd years and more, so when they found out they were very, very surprised."

"Some actors came to do readings a couple of weeks ago and they were fantastic. When they spoke, they spoke with such force and feeling that I was absolutely amazed. I think a lot of people think Shakespeare is very high-brow, but if they could see these people on stage and

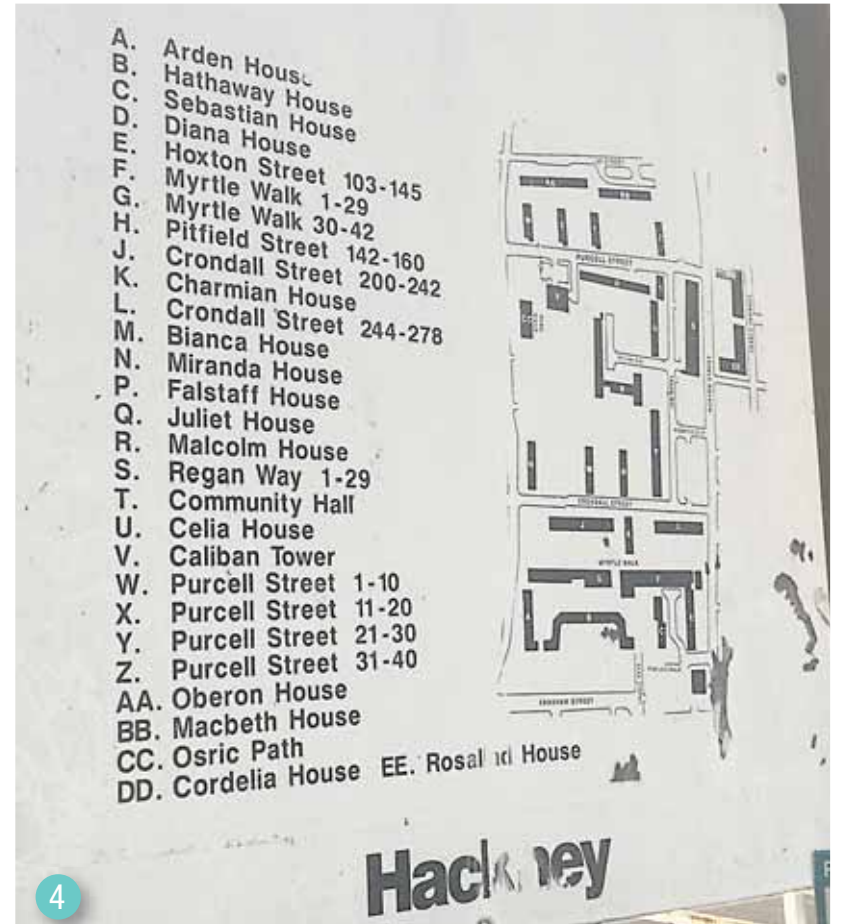
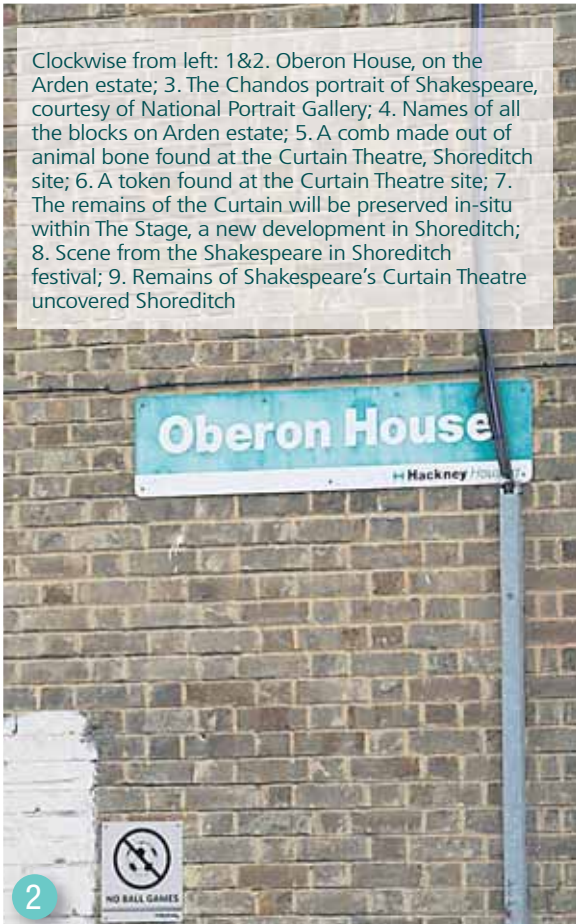


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Clockwise from left: 1&2. Oberon House, on the Arden estate; 3. The Chandos portrait of Shakespeare, courtesy of National Portrait Gallery; 4. Names of all the blocks on Arden estate; 5. A comb made out of animal bone found at the Curtain Theatre, Shoreditch site; 6. A token found at the Curtain Theatre site; 7. The remains of the Curtain will be preserved in-situ within The Stage, a new development in Shoreditch; 8. Scene from the Shakespeare in Shoreditch festival; 9. Remains of Shakespeare's Curtain Theatre uncovered Shoreditch

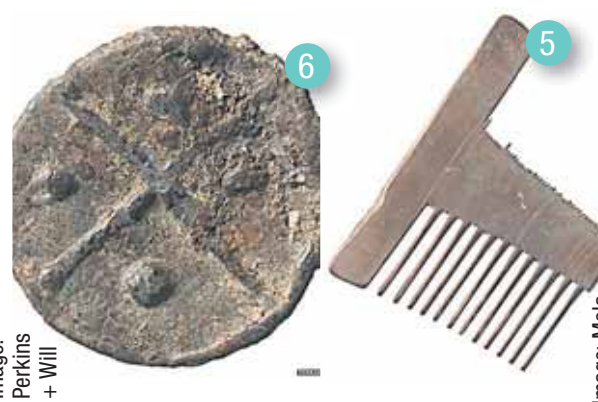


hear them speak, I think they'd change their minds."

Now, to mark the Bard's influence on the area, the TMO and nearby PEER Gallery, along with young people from Laburnum Boat Club, will join forces to create a mural next month on a wall in the estate garden featuring quotes from 'The Tempest'.

Ania Bas, Local Audience Curator of the gallery, said: "The mural is about nurturing local links with the community and getting them involved with the history of the estate. We want people to be excited about the Shakespeare connection."

The Shakespeare in Shoreditch festival was part-funded by Hackney Community Fund (HCF) set up by the Council. The money comes from a £1 voluntary donation made by guests at the Ace and Boundary hotels and goes towards employment, culture and public spaces in the borough.



## What's behind the name of your block?

There are nearly 30 blocks on Arden. Who are they named after?

**Arden:** Shakespeare's mother's maiden name was Mary Arden. Arden is referenced a number of times, including the forest in 'As You Like It' to which the play's heroine Rosalind is exiled

**Bianca:** The beautiful younger sister of Kate in 'The Taming of the Shrew'. Bianca has several admirers in the play, but her father refuses to allow her to marry until Kate has found a husband

**Caliban:** The enigmatic witch's son in island play 'The Tempest'

**Celia:** Prudent and quieter cousin of Rosalind in 'As You Like It'

**Charmian:** Trusted servant of Cleopatra in 'Antony and Cleopatra'

**Cordelia:** Youngest and favourite daughter of King Lear in play of the same name. She is banished by her father for her honesty

**Diana:** A young Florentine woman in 'All's Well That Ends Well'

**Falstaff:** Primarily a comic character in four Shakespeare plays: 'Henry IV', Part 1 and Part 2; 'Henry V'; and 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'

**Hathaway:** Anne Hathaway was the wife of William Shakespeare

**Juliet:** The heroine of famous tragedy, 'Romeo and Juliet'. She falls in love with Romeo, the son of her family's arch enemies

**Macbeth:** Titular antihero of one of

Shakespeare's darkest tragedies. Once a respected warrior, Macbeth murders the King of Scotland to take the throne

**Malcolm:** Son of the murdered King of Scotland in 'Macbeth'. He retakes the throne following Macbeth's treachery against his father

**Miranda:** Sole female character in 'The Tempest'. She is known for being loving, kind and compassionate

**Osric:** Amusing and inventive court jester in 'Hamlet'

**Oberon:** King of the Fairies in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

**Rosalind:** One of Shakespeare's most celebrated heroines. The central figure in 'As You Like It', she is renowned for her wit, loyalty, intelligence and beauty

**Sebastian:** Lost twin brother of 'Twelfth Night' heroine, Viola

**Regan:** Middle princess of tragedy 'King Lear'. She is poisoned by her sister.



### MORE INFO

For more info on what's going on at Arden community hall, call: 020 7739 7075

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# Working for better homes



These homes are now warmer, greener places to live, with residents likely to see a nearly £100-a-year saving to their bills

## Home insulation project completed

Cllr Glanville abseils down Rowley Gardens, in Woodberry Down estate



**THREE** councillors showed the sky's the limit in the Council's bid to improve homes for Hackney residents, after taking part in an abseil to mark the completion of a 5,000-home insulation project that will save residents money as well as tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2).

The 10-storey descent of a tower block in the Woodberry Down estate, marking the completion of the borough-wide cavity wall insulation programme, was undertaken by Cllr Philip Glanville, Cabinet Member for Housing and Deputy Mayor; Cllr Feryal Demirci, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability; and Cllr Carole Williams, Chair of Community Safety and Social Inclusion Scrutiny Commission.

The final phase of the project took place at Rowley Gardens, which were among the hardest-to-treat blocks in the borough. A team of abseilers were enlisted to help carry out the work, saving thousands of pounds that would have otherwise been spent on scaffolding. It also significantly reduced the impact of works on residents.

Around a third of heat lost in an uninsulated home escapes through the walls. Heat flows from a warm area to a cold one, so in the winter it can cost a lot more to heat your home if it is uninsulated. For a gas-heated, mid-floor flat, cavity wall insulation can save residents around £90 a year, while the overall annual environmental impact is an estimated 40,000 tonne CO2 reduction.

Cllr Glanville said: "Rowley Gardens marked the end of our three-year project, which has brought real benefits to more than 5,000 Hackney households. It was good to get first-hand experience of what is involved in doing this type of work. These homes are now warmer, greener places to live, with residents likely to see a nearly £100-a-year saving to their bills."

For more info on how to save money and energy, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/save-energy](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/save-energy)



Fifteen young people completed their last day of training at Lea View House



## Young people gain trade skills for their future

**YOUNG** people from Hackney struggling to get into work took part in training to learn new construction skills and improve their employment prospects.

Fifteen over 19-year-olds got to grips with carpentry, joinery, painting and decorating, as well as interview techniques, as part of the three-week course called Building Futures, at the end of which participants earned a BTEC Level 1

Award in construction.

The project is funded by the Council and run by its housing contractor Wates Living Space Maintenance, which is delivering regeneration and planned repairs across the borough.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: "The Council rightly requires its contractors to offer a range of benefits to the local community when carrying out work on

our behalf. Helping young and unemployed people gain the skills they need to map out their future is a key priority for us.

"This course may have only been three weeks, but it's the first step towards a solid career. I'd like to thank Wates for providing the training and wish all those who took part the best of luck in the future."

David Morgan, Managing Director of Wates, added: "We are constantly looking for ways to

invest in the communities in which we work."

The apprentices were awarded a certificate last month after completing their last day undertaking gardening at Lea View House, where Wates is currently doing improvement works for residents on behalf of the Council.

The Council requires its contractors to offer a range of socio-economic benefits for the local community.

## Here's what we're doing to improve your housing service

THIS is the first of a regular column I'll be writing to keep you updated about what we're doing to improve our housing services across our estates and street properties.

We know there are lots of things that need fixing, some long-standing, and that at times we have not provided you with the best possible service.

One key issue that keeps coming up is lighting. How many Council workers does it take to change a light bulb? Well, quite a few. Estate lighting has been an issue for a while, so in April we brought in a number of improvements, ensuring there are

weekly lighting checks and that a repair is raised quickly if a light cannot be changed then and there. We've also employed more electricians and invested in better equipment. All this means a lighting repairs appointment now takes an average of three days rather than 15. Hopefully you've been noticing a difference.

We are on course for ensuring that all council homes are brought up to 'decent standard' by the end of the next financial year. This means properties are modernised, where needed, and are made safer, more secure, warmer and greener. We are also now working to a lifetime

homes standard, so the work we have done lasts longer. We've been listening to you to help make those changes, such as installing full-height tiling in showers to reduce the risk of leaks.

Now for the not-so-good news. We've been having severe problems with our telephone systems at both the repairs and neighbourhood centres. It has meant some people experienced long delays or were unable to get through at all. It's a shame because we have been working so hard to improve our repairs centre service in particular, and wait times had fallen from an average of six minutes to 39 seconds.

However, we are working with the Council's suppliers to resolve the problems and restore normal service as soon as possible.

Have you seen our resident satisfaction survey? They were posted to all Council tenants and leaseholders. Filling those in will show us where we need to continue to make improvements. To fill it in online you'll need your household ID. If you've lost it, call: **020 8356 7830**.

**We are on course for ensuring that all council homes are brought up to 'decent standard'**

Cllr Glanville







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A house in Stoke Newington had 28 tenants living in it illegally

## Landlord fined for cramming 28 in house with one kitchen

**A LANDLORD who illegally converted a Stoke Newington house to squeeze 28 tenants into just seven unsafe rooms has been handed a £20,000 fine after enforcement action by the Council.**

Alfred Landau ignored basic safety standards at the overcrowded home in Allerton Road, installing no fire alarms and leaving residents with only one kitchen and bathroom to share between them.

Council investigators and police discovered the conditions at the terraced house, made up of two storeys and an attic, after a dawn raid in October.

Landau, of Queen Elizabeth's Walk, Stoke

**“Those who seek to take advantage of London's housing crisis for personal profit have no place in our borough”**

Newington, was fined £20,000 and made to pay costs and charges of £1,845 after pleading guilty to managing an unlicensed house of multiple occupation at Thames Magistrates Court last month.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: “The lack of any basic fire safety at this jam-packed property put lives at risk, and this fine serves as a warning that we won't stand by when we see unsafe conditions in Hackney's homes.

“We're determined to

drive up standards for private renters in Hackney, and we won't hesitate to take enforcement action and press for the strongest penalties for landlords who flout the rules.

“Those who seek to take advantage of London's housing crisis for personal profit have no place in our borough.”

Landlords wanting to let a house to multiple people across three floors or more require a license from the Council, which lays down rules about safety, space and

facilities for tenants.

The mandatory installation of fire and carbon monoxide detectors by private landlords is a key part of the Council's '10 Steps to Better Private Renting' campaign, which calls on the Government to make changes to improve standards for renters.

The Government agreed to introduce the measure earlier this year along with action to stop revenge evictions, and is also proposing a national ban on rogue landlords.

### MORE INFO

To sign the petition and for more information, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/10-steps](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/10-steps)

## Parking vouchers now online

IT now takes minutes to buy parking permits and visitor vouchers thanks to a new online system.

Residents will no longer have to wait in long queues to get their parking permit in person, or wait days before they can park, thanks to a new system launched last month.

The online portal is user-friendly and quick to use, and makes parking easier and cheaper. For most customers no documents will need to be uploaded, as the Council can just use residents' addresses and parking registration details to automatically process their permits. Temporary permits can be printed off to access parking straightaway and online discounts will also be available.

Residents can sign up to a parking account today, and could win an iPad Mini, at: [www.hackney.gov.uk/parking](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/parking)



## How to stay safe when cooking

NEVER leave hot fat or oils unattended; always buy electrical goods from a reputable shop; and never leave children alone in the kitchen. This is the advice to residents from the London Fire Brigade and the Council to help prevent blazes in the kitchen.

David Scott, Fire Risk Assessment Manager for the Council, said: “Most fires in the home are started when people are cooking, so following the above advice will help keep you and your family safe. If there is a fire, a smoke alarm provides vital early warning and extra time to escape, so every home should have at least one working smoke alarm, and remember to test them once a week.”



For free home fire safety advice and information contact the London Fire Brigade on: **020 8555 1200**; telephone: **020 7960 3629**; e-mail: [info@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:info@london-fire.gov.uk); or visit: [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk) Dial **999** in an emergency.

## Cold, damp brick garage let for £1k-a-month banned as accommodation



**A DAMP Clapton garage with inadequate security, heating and insulation let for more than £1,000 per month has been banned from use as accommodation after enforcement action by the Council.**

The brick garage, in Brooke Road, flouted basic safety and planning rules with one 'wall' being made of shutters previously used

for car access.

When Council officers visited the building, which had no planning permission and didn't meet basic building regulations, they found two people living in the dangerous conditions.

The garage had been marketed as a one-room studio flat, despite having damp problems, no secure front door, a concrete floor and substandard heating and

kitchen facilities.

After supporting the tenants to find alternative accommodation, officers issued a prohibition order to stop it being used as a flat with the threat of criminal prosecution and an unlimited fine for the landlord if ignored.

Cllr Philip Glanville, Deputy Mayor of Hackney, said: “Those who seek to exploit the demand for housing in Hackney to rake in

cash through illegal conversions like this should not doubt we will follow through on our warnings of enforcement action.

“This landlord had barely made any attempt to meet the basic standards we expect, and we'll continue to monitor this property.

“We will prosecute those who break the law when necessary and always press for the strongest penalties.”



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